

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3993

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO (for himself and Mr. BENISHEK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Spending Account-
5 ability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IF**
2 **BUDGET DEFICIT EXISTED AT END OF PRE-**
3 **VIOUS YEAR.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 601(a)(2) of the Legisla-
5 tive Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31(2)) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(C) If the total outlays of the Government during
8 a fiscal year exceed the total revenues of the Government
9 during that fiscal year, as determined by the Congres-
10 sional Budget Office—

11 “(i) each annual rate of pay referred to in para-
12 graph (1) shall be reduced by 15 percent for all pay
13 periods occurring during the next calendar year
14 which begins after that fiscal year; and

15 “(ii) no adjustment may be made under sub-
16 paragraph (A) in any such rate of pay during that
17 next calendar year.”.

18 (b) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—Section 601(a)(2)(A)
19 of such Act is amended by striking “Subject to subpara-
20 graph (B),” and inserting “Subject to subparagraphs (B)
21 and (C),”.

22 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
23 this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2014
24 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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