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H. R. 63

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2005

Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mr. WATT, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. WEINER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CARSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. LEE, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. OWENS, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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 “Democracy Day Act
5 of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF ELECTION DAY IN SAME MANNER**
2 **AS LEGAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR PURPOSES**
3 **OF FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT.**

4 For purposes of any law relating to Federal employ-
5 ment, the Tuesday next after the first Monday in Novem-
6 ber in 2008 and each even-numbered year thereafter shall
7 be treated in the same manner as a legal public holiday
8 described in section 6103 of title 5, United States Code.

9 **SEC. 3. STUDY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF IMPACT ON**
10 **VOTER PARTICIPATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall
12 conduct a study of the impact of section 2 on voter partici-
13 pation.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2013, the
15 Comptroller General shall submit a report to Congress and
16 the President on the results of the study conducted under
17 subsection (a).

18 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING TREATMENT OF**
19 **DAY BY PRIVATE EMPLOYERS.**

20 It is the sense of Congress that private employers in
21 the United States should give their employees a day off
22 on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November
23 in 2008 and each even-numbered year thereafter to enable
24 the employees to cast votes in the elections held on that
25 day.