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Democrats Trying To Overturn Deficit Reduction Act

Congressional representatives are now hopping on the bandwagon to defeat the Deficit Reduction Act, which rescued your 2006 payments from a 4.4-percent cut.

Rep. **Henry Waxman** (D-CA) is calling on fellow lawmakers to investigate "the White House's knowledge of the constitutional defects" of the DRA, signed into law Feb. 8 by **President Bush**--a move that could have big implications for durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers.

The version of the DRA signed by President Bush (S. 1932) is not the same as the version passed in the U.S. House of Representatives on Feb. 1. The difference has to do with time limits on capped rentals for DMW.