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H. R. 4342

[Report No. 113–715]

To prohibit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration from relinquishing responsibility over the Internet domain name system until the Comptroller General of the United States submits to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect to such system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2014

Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself, Mr. ROKITA, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. LATTI, Mr. BARTON, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

DECEMBER 23, 2014

Additional sponsors: Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. LONG, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. LANCE, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. KLINE, Mr. TERRY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. NUGENT, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. WOLF, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. YOHO, Mr. BUCSHON, and Mr. WENSTRUP

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and ordered to be printed

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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 “Domain Openness
5 Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2014” or
6 the “DOTCOM Act of 2014”.

7 **SEC. 2. NTIA RETENTION OF DNS RESPONSIBILITIES PEND-**
8 **ING GAO REPORT.**

9 (a) RETENTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.—Until the
10 Comptroller General of the United States submits the re-
11 port required by subsection (b), the Assistant Secretary
12 of Commerce for Communications and Information may
13 not relinquish or agree to any proposal relating to the re-
14 linquishment of the responsibility of the National Tele-
15 communications and Information Administration (in this
16 section referred to as the “NTIA”) over Internet domain
17 name system functions, including responsibility with re-
18 spect to the authoritative root zone file, the Internet As-
19 signed Numbers Authority functions, and related root
20 zone management functions.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
22 on which the NTIA receives a proposal relating to the re-
23 linquishment of the responsibility of the NTIA over Inter-
24 net domain name system functions that was developed in
25 a process convened by the Internet Corporation for As-

1 signed Names and Numbers at the request of the NTIA,
2 the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit
3 to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect
4 to the Internet domain name system. Such report shall
5 include—

6 (1) a discussion and analysis of—

7 (A) the advantages and disadvantages of
8 relinquishment of the responsibility of the
9 NTIA over Internet domain name system func-
10 tions, including responsibility with respect to
11 the authoritative root zone file, the Internet As-
12 signed Numbers Authority functions, and re-
13 lated root zone management functions;

14 (B) any principles or criteria that the
15 NTIA sets for proposals for such relinquish-
16 ment;

17 (C) each proposal received by the NTIA
18 for such relinquishment;

19 (D) the processes used by the NTIA and
20 any other Federal agencies for evaluating such
21 proposals; and

22 (E) any national security concerns raised
23 by such relinquishment; and

24 (2) a definition of the term “multistakeholder
25 model”, as used by the NTIA with respect to Inter-

- 1 net policymaking and governance, and definitions of
- 2 any other terms necessary to understand the matters
- 3 covered by the report.

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