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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2004

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. HYDE, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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 “Dual Gateway Policy
5 Review Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DUAL GATEWAY POLICY REVIEW REQUIRED.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall re-
3 view the dual gateway policy and determine the effects the
4 discontinuation of the policy might have on the United
5 States economy and the Western Ireland economy before
6 the United States takes any diplomatic action that could
7 lead to the discontinuation of the policy.

8 (b) ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY.—In determining the
9 effects that the discontinuation of the dual gateway policy
10 might have on the United States economy, the Secretary
11 of State, in consultation with the heads of other appro-
12 priate departments and agencies, shall consider the effects
13 the discontinuation of the policy might have on United
14 States businesses operating in Western Ireland and Irish
15 businesses operating in and around Shannon Airport.

16 (c) REPORT.—The Secretary of State shall submit a
17 report describing the determinations made under sub-
18 section (a), together with any recommendations for United
19 States action, to Congress not later than 180 days after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

21 (d) DUAL GATEWAY POLICY.—The term “dual gate-
22 way policy” means the policy of the Irish Government
23 which requires certain air carriers serving Dublin Airport
24 to undertake equal numbers of flights to Shannon Airport
25 and Dublin Airport during each calendar year.