

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3481

To require the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate the feasibility and costs of implementing a secure computer system for remote voting and communication for the Congress and establishing a system to ensure business continuity for congressional operations.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2001

Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WYNN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. THURMAN, and Mr. LIPINSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Science, 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

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## A BILL

To require the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate the feasibility and costs of implementing a secure computer system for remote voting and communication for the Congress and establishing a system to ensure business continuity for congressional operations.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Congres-  
3 sional Security and Continuity Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REMOTE VOTING, COMMUNICATION, AND CON-**  
5 **TINUITY SYSTEMS FOR CONGRESS.**

6       Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
7 of this Act, the National Institute of Standards and Tech-  
8 nology shall transmit to the Congress a report on the re-  
9 sults of an investigation by the National Institute of  
10 Standards and Technology of the feasibility and costs of—

11           (1) implementing a secure system for remote  
12 voting and communication for Members of the Con-  
13 gress if circumstances require the Congress to con-  
14 vene without being at a single location; and

15           (2) establishing a system to ensure business  
16 continuity in circumstances where Members of Con-  
17 gress and their staff cannot access their offices in  
18 Washington, D.C.

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