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# H. R. 1497

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2005

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## 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 action that could lead to the  
7 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, Irish busi-  
15 nesses operating in and around Shannon Airport, and  
16 United States air carriers serving Ireland.

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

22 (d) DUAL GATEWAY POLICY.—The term “dual gate-  
23 way policy” means the policy of the Irish Government  
24 which requires certain air carriers serving Dublin Airport

- 1 to undertake equal numbers of flights to Shannon Airport
- 2 and Dublin Airport during each calendar year.

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