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H. R. 805

[Report No. 114-175]

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

FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself, Mr. BARTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. LANCE, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. KLINE, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. LATTA, and Mr. LONG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

JUNE 23, 2015

Additional sponsors: Mr. YOHO and Mr. OLSON

JUNE 23, 2015

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 5, 2015]

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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 2015” or the*
6 *“DOTCOM Act of 2015”.*

7 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR IANA STEWARDSHIP TRANSI-**
8 **TION.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date that is 30 legislative*
10 *days after the submission to Congress of the report described*
11 *in subsection (b), the Assistant Secretary may not permit*
12 *the NTIA’s role in the performance of the Internet Assigned*
13 *Numbers Authority functions to terminate, lapse, be can-*
14 *celled, or otherwise cease to be in effect.*

15 *(b) REPORT DESCRIBED.—The report described in this*
16 *subsection is a report that contains—*

17 *(1) the proposal relating to the transition of the*
18 *NTIA’s stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers*
19 *Authority functions that was developed in a process*
20 *convened by ICANN at the request of the NTIA; and*

21 *(2) a certification by the Assistant Secretary*
22 *that—*

23 *(A) such proposal—*

24 *(i) supports and enhances the multi-*
25 *stakeholder model of Internet governance;*

1 (ii) maintains the security, stability,
2 and resiliency of the Internet domain name
3 system;

4 (iii) meets the needs and expectations
5 of the global customers and partners of the
6 Internet Assigned Numbers Authority serv-
7 ices;

8 (iv) maintains the openness of the
9 Internet; and

10 (v) does not replace the role of the
11 NTIA with a government-led or intergovern-
12 mental organization solution; and

13 (B) the required changes to ICANN's bylaws
14 contained in the final report of ICANN's Cross
15 Community Working Group on Enhancing
16 ICANN Accountability and the changes to
17 ICANN's bylaws required by ICANN's IANA
18 Stewardship Transition Coordination Group
19 have been adopted.

20 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

21 (1) *ASSISTANT SECRETARY.*—*The term “Assist-*
22 *ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of Com-*
23 *merce for Communications and Information.*

1 (2) *ICANN.*—*The term “ICANN” means the*
2 *Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Num-*
3 *bers.*

4 (3) *LEGISLATIVE DAY.*—*The term “legislative*
5 *day” does not include Saturdays, Sundays, legal pub-*
6 *lic holidays, or days either House of Congress is ad-*
7 *journed for more than 3 days during a session of*
8 *Congress.*

9 (4) *NTIA.*—*The term “NTIA” means the Na-*
10 *tional Telecommunications and Information Admin-*
11 *istration.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide for certain requirements relating to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority stewardship transition.”.

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