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S. 1551

To provide for certain requirements relating to the Internet Assigned
Numbers Authority stewardship transition.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 11, 2015

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. RUBIO) intro-
duced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Com-
mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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Assigned Numbers Authority stewardship transition.

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
6 the “DOTCOM Act of 2015”.

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

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date that is 30 legisla-
10 tive days after the submission to Congress of the report

1 described in subsection (b), the Assistant Secretary may
2 not permit the NTIA's role in the performance of the
3 Internet Assigned Numbers Authority functions to termi-
4 nate, lapse, be cancelled, or otherwise cease to be in effect.

5 (b) REPORT DESCRIBED.—The report described in
6 this subsection is a report that contains—

7 (1) the proposal relating to the transition of the
8 NTIA's stewardship of the Internet Assigned Num-
9 bers Authority functions that was developed in a
10 process convened by ICANN at the request of the
11 NTIA; and

12 (2) a certification by the Assistant Secretary
13 that—

14 (A) such proposal—

15 (i) supports and enhances the multi-
16 stakeholder model of Internet governance;

17 (ii) maintains the security, stability,
18 and resiliency of the Internet domain name
19 system;

20 (iii) meets the needs and expectations
21 of the global customers and partners of the
22 Internet Assigned Numbers Authority serv-
23 ices;

24 (iv) maintains the openness of the
25 Internet; and

1 (v) does not replace the role of the
2 NTIA with a government-led or intergov-
3 ernmental organization solution; and

4 (B) the required changes to ICANN’s by-
5 laws contained in the final report of ICANN’s
6 Cross Community Working Group on Enhanc-
7 ing ICANN Accountability and the changes to
8 ICANN’s bylaws required by ICANN’s IANA
9 Stewardship Transition Coordination Group
10 have been implemented.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
13 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
14 Commerce for Communications and Information.

15 (2) ICANN.—The term “ICANN” means the
16 Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Num-
17 bers.

18 (3) LEGISLATIVE DAY.—The term “legislative
19 day” does not include Saturdays, Sundays, legal
20 public holidays, or days either House of Congress is
21 adjourned for more than 3 days during a session of
22 Congress.

1 (4) NTIA.—The term “NTIA” means the Na-
2 tional Telecommunications and Information Admin-
3 istration.

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