114TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 805

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

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,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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- This Act may be cited as the "Domain Openness
- 3 Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015" or
- 4 the "DOTCOM Act of 2015".
- 5 SEC. 2. NTIA RETENTION OF DNS RESPONSIBILITIES PEND-
- 6 ING GAO REPORT.
- 7 (a) RETENTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.—Until the
- 8 Comptroller General of the United States submits the re-
- 9 port required by subsection (b), the Assistant Secretary
- 10 of Commerce for Communications and Information may
- 11 not relinquish or agree to any proposal relating to the re-
- 12 linguishment of the responsibility of the National Tele-
- 13 communications and Information Administration (in this
- 14 section referred to as the "NTIA") over Internet domain
- 15 name system functions, including responsibility with re-
- 16 spect to the authoritative root zone file, the Internet As-
- 17 signed Numbers Authority functions, and related root
- 18 zone management functions.
- 19 (b) Report.—Not later than 1 year after the date
- 20 on which the NTIA receives a proposal relating to the re-
- 21 linguishment of the responsibility of the NTIA over Inter-
- 22 net domain name system functions that was developed in
- 23 a process convened by the Internet Corporation for As-
- 24 signed Names and Numbers at the request of the NTIA,
- 25 the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit
- 26 to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect

1	to the Internet domain name system. Such report shall
2	include—
3	(1) a discussion and analysis of—
4	(A) the advantages and disadvantages of
5	relinquishment of the responsibility of the
6	NTIA over Internet domain name system func-
7	tions, including responsibility with respect to
8	the authoritative root zone file, the Internet As-
9	signed Numbers Authority functions, and re-
10	lated root zone management functions;
11	(B) any principles or criteria that the
12	NTIA sets for proposals for such relinquish-
13	ment;
14	(C) each proposal received by the NTLA
15	for such relinquishment;
16	(D) the processes used by the NTIA and
17	any other Federal agencies for evaluating such
18	proposals;
19	(E) any national security concerns raised
20	by such relinquishment; and
21	(F) any concerns raised by such relinquish-
22	ment with respect to the security of the Inter-
23	net domain name system or the security of
24	other information networks and systems; and

1 (2) a definition of the term "multistakeholder 2 model", as used by the NTIA with respect to Inter-3 net policymaking and governance, and definitions of 4 any other terms necessary to understand the matters 5 covered by the report.

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