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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. LATTI, and Mr. LONG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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.

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 “Domain Openness
3 Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015” or
4 the “DOTCOM Act of 2015”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR IANA STEWARDSHIP TRANSI-**
6 **TION.**

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

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

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

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

22 (A) such proposal—

23 (i) supports and enhances the multi-
24 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 intergov-
12 ernmental organization solution; and

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

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
22 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
23 Commerce 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
6 public holidays, or days either House of Congress is
7 adjourned 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.”.