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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4342

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2014

Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself, Mr. ROKITA, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. LATTA, Mr. BARTON, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Domain Openness  
5 Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2014” or  
6 the “DOTCOM Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. NTIA RETENTION OF DNS RESPONSIBILITIES PEND-**  
2 **ING GAO REPORT.**

3 (a) RETENTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.—Until the  
4 Comptroller General of the United States submits the re-  
5 port required by subsection (b), the Assistant Secretary  
6 of Commerce for Communications and Information may  
7 not relinquish or agree to any proposal relating to the re-  
8 linquishment of the responsibility of the National Tele-  
9 communications and Information Administration (in this  
10 section referred to as the “NTIA”) over Internet domain  
11 name system functions, including responsibility with re-  
12 spect to the authoritative root zone file, the Internet As-  
13 signed Numbers Authority functions, and related root  
14 zone management functions.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
16 on which the NTIA receives a proposal relating to the re-  
17 linquishment of the responsibility of the NTIA over Inter-  
18 net domain name system functions that was developed in  
19 a process convened by the Internet Corporation for As-  
20 signed Names and Numbers at the request of the NTIA,  
21 the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit  
22 to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect  
23 to the Internet domain name system. Such report shall  
24 include—

25 (1) a discussion and analysis of—

1 (A) the advantages and disadvantages of  
2 relinquishment of the responsibility of the  
3 NTIA over Internet domain name system func-  
4 tions, including responsibility with respect to  
5 the authoritative root zone file, the Internet As-  
6 signed Numbers Authority functions, and re-  
7 lated root zone management functions;

8 (B) any principles or criteria that the  
9 NTIA sets for proposals for such relinquis-  
10 ment;

11 (C) each proposal received by the NTIA  
12 for such relinquishment;

13 (D) the processes used by the NTIA and  
14 any other Federal agencies for evaluating such  
15 proposals; and

16 (E) any national security concerns raised  
17 by such relinquishment; and

18 (2) a definition of the term “multistakeholder  
19 model”, as used by the NTIA with respect to Inter-  
20 net policymaking and governance, and definitions of  
21 any other terms necessary to understand the matters  
22 covered by the report.

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