

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4342
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Given the importance of the Internet to the
4 global economy, it is essential that the Internet re-
5 main stable, secure, and free from government con-
6 trol.

7 (2) The ability to innovate, develop technical
8 capacity, grasp economic opportunities, and promote
9 freedom of expression online is best realized in co-
10 operation with all stakeholders through a multistake-
11 holder governance model.

12 (3) Proposals have been, and will likely con-
13 tinue to be, put forward at international regulatory
14 bodies that would fundamentally alter the govern-
15 ance and operation of the Internet.

16 (4) The proposals would attempt to justify in-
17 creased government control over the Internet and
18 could undermine the current multistakeholder model

1 that has enabled the Internet to flourish and under
2 which the private sector, civil society, academia, and
3 individual users play an important role in charting
4 its direction.

5 (5) The proposals would diminish the freedom
6 of expression on the Internet in favor of government
7 control over content.

8 (6) The position of the United States Govern-
9 ment has been and is to advocate for the flow of in-
10 formation on the Internet free from government con-
11 trol.

12 (7) This Administration and past Administra-
13 tions have made a strong commitment to the multi-
14 stakeholder model of Internet governance and the
15 promotion of the global benefits of the Internet.

16 (8) The National Telecommunications and In-
17 formation Administration has stated that
18 transitioning key Internet domain name functions
19 performed under the Internet Assigned Numbers
20 Authority functions contract to the global multi-
21 stakeholder community is consistent with this long-
22 standing United States policy.

1 **SEC. 2. POLICY REGARDING INTERNET GOVERNANCE.**

2 It is the policy of the United States to preserve and
3 advance the successful multistakeholder model that gov-
4 erns the Internet.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to affirm the
policy of the United States regarding Internet govern-
ance.”.

