

**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.”.

