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HR 2417

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Nov 1, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 28, 2001)

Dot Kids Domain Name Act of 2001 - Directs the Secretary of Commerce: (1) jointly with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), to develop a plan for ICANN to establish a kids-friendly top-level Internet domain; (2) to make such plan publicly available; and (3) to enter into appropriate agreement with ICANN to carry out the plan. Requires the domain to be available for voluntary use as a location only of material suitable for minors and the plan to establish a process for soliciting and selecting an operator of the new domain. Requires: (1) full operation of the new domain within six months after contract award; and (2) new domain approval by ICANN. Provides liability protections for any person or entity that operates or maintains the new domain with respect to information provided by a domain registrant.

Directs the Secretary to carry out a program to publicize the availability of the new domain and to educate parents of minors regarding the process for utilizing the domain in combination with hardware and software technologies that filter or block unsuitable materials.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 1, 2001: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- Jul 16, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.
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