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H. R. 3481

To require the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate the feasibility and costs of implementing a secure computer system for remote voting and communication for the Congress and establishing a system to ensure business continuity for congressional operations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 13, 2001

Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. PASCHELL, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WYNN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mrs. THURMAN, and Mr. LIPINSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate the feasibility and costs of implementing a secure computer system for remote voting and communication for the Congress and establishing a system to ensure business continuity for congressional operations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Ensuring Congressional Security and Continuity Act'.

SEC. 2. REMOTE VOTING, COMMUNICATION, AND CONTINUITY SYSTEMS FOR CONGRESS.

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall transmit to the Congress a report on the results of an investigation by the National Institute of Standards and Technology of the feasibility and costs of--

- (1) implementing a secure system for remote voting and communication for Members of the Congress if circumstances require the Congress to convene without being at a single location; and
- (2) establishing a system to ensure business continuity in circumstances where Members of Congress and their staff cannot access their offices in Washington, D.C.