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### **Congress Considers Fines for Aliased Domain Registrations**

The Register reported "Senator Lamar Smith of Texas - chairman of the Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee - yesterday produced from nowhere extensions to the 1946 Trademark Act that would make giving false contact information for a domain name a civil and criminal offence. His bill (HR 3754) was discussed today at 10am.." Thanks to Lertext for the link. The argument for this is put forth under intellectual property and trademark positions. It's an egregiously bad interpretation of those laws if passed. Trademark holders have strong and enforcable channels to go after domain squatters. My 5th grader's class was having discussions on the political scene, and comments were made that 'Democrats want big government'. In this case, it's the opposite; this bill has no redeeming value.

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