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# H. R. 4445

To exempt from reciprocal compensation requirements telecommunications traffic to the Internet.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2000

Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BLILEY, and Mr. BOUCHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reciprocal Compensa-  
5 tion Adjustment Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION**  
7 **REQUIREMENT.**

8 Section 251 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
9 U.S.C. 251) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (b)(5), by inserting before the  
2 period at the end the following: “, subject to sub-  
3 section (f)(3)”; and

4           (2) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the  
5 following new paragraph:

6           “(3) EXEMPTION FROM RECIPROCAL COM-  
7 PENSATION REQUIREMENT.—

8           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-  
9 section (b)(5), after the date of enactment of  
10 this paragraph, no local exchange carrier shall  
11 be required to make any payment for the trans-  
12 port or termination of telecommunications to  
13 the Internet or any provider of Internet access  
14 service.

15           “(B) JURISDICTION.—Such transport or  
16 termination shall be considered interstate com-  
17 munications and subject to the exclusive juris-  
18 diction of the Commission.

19           “(C) NO EFFECT ON EXISTING AGREE-  
20 MENTS.—This paragraph does not affect the  
21 rights of the parties to any interconnection  
22 agreement in effect on May 15, 2000, during  
23 the existing term of any such agreement.

24           “(D) GRANDFATHERED AGREEMENTS NOT  
25 REQUIRED TO BE OFFERED TO OTHER CAR-

1           RIERS.—A local exchange carrier is not re-  
2           quired by section 252(i) to offer to any other  
3           carrier any reciprocal compensation arrange-  
4           ment that is inconsistent with subparagraph  
5           (A) and that is in an agreement preserved by  
6           subparagraph (C).

7           “(E) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of  
8           this paragraph—

9                   “(i) the term ‘existing term’ means  
10                  the initial period of any interconnection  
11                  agreement and does not include any period  
12                  provided for negotiation or any extension  
13                  of the initial period; and

14                   “(ii) the terms ‘Internet’ and ‘Inter-  
15                  net access service’ have the meaning pro-  
16                  vided in section 231(e).”.

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