

**Excerpts from Hearings**  
**Senate Commerce Committee, December 8, 2011**  
**House Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and the Internet, December 14, 2011**

**Senate Commerce Committee Hearing**

Criticism from Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH):

AYOTTE: "One thing that leaps out at me is that we're talking about a January roll-out and you're negotiating things that are incredibly important when we think about protecting consumers...from fraudulent actions. The Internet...is a wonderful tool but it also has been used by predators...so when I hear negotiations are ongoing for something that's a January roll-out, that leaps out...to say, why are we rushing into this?"

AYOTTE: "...it seems to me that inherently these are very, very important issues and it doesn't make sense to me that you'd have a January 12<sup>th</sup> roll out with outstanding issues...that will impact important protections for consumers and the law enforcement community...it is very challenging for a member of law enforcement to investigate these kinds of cases, and as I hear your testimony, you're not even sure how many [domain name endings] you'll have at the end of the day when you open this up. So that's really going to be a challenge when you go from 22 to who knows -- a thousand -- and it seems to me that that in and of itself is going to be a huge challenge for law enforcement...caution should be used to make sure we do not rush into this."

**House Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and the Internet Hearing**

House Members criticism regarding ICANN's plan to expand DNS -- Greg Walden (R-OR.), Ana Eschoo (D-CA), and Doris Matsui (D-CA):

WALDEN: "I don't think it's ready for prime time. . . . The more we do our role, the more ICANN may take a second look at it. Based on what I heard today, they should delay." (Greg Walden is the Chair of the Subcommittee and a Republican Member from Oregon)

ESCHOO: "You've been at this for six years, but it seems to me that during this time, there was the opportunity to work out the differences and the legitimate concerns we are hearing today. It's ICANN, but it's turning into 'I CAN'T.'".

MATSUI: "'You seem to believe this has to go forward because you've talked about it for six years and that should be enough. If ICANN can't delay, would you consider a pilot project? Once it takes off, I don't know how we'll deal with this[.]'"