





The Software & Information Industry Association's

## Digital Policy Roundup

News and updates compiled by the industry authority

### Policy Calendar

March 30

**Hearing: Patent reform**

"America Invents Act"

House Judiciary Subcommittee on IP,  
competition and the Internet

March 31

**Hearing: H-1B Visas**

Designing a Program to Meet the Needs of  
the U.S. Economy and U.S. Workers  
House Judiciary Immigration Subcommittee

April 6, 3 pm (ET)

SIIA Cloud Computing Policy Committee  
Meeting

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April 6

**Hearing: ECPA**

Government Perspectives on Protecting  
Privacy in the Digital Age  
Senate Judiciary Committee

April 7-8

**Cloud Computing Forum & Workshop III**

April 11-13

**SIIA's 2011 Ed Tech Government Forum**

April 14, noon (ET)

SIIA Cybersecurity Policy Committee  
Meeting

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### MARCH 29, 2011

Following Senate passage of patent reform legislation, the quickly. Draft legislation circulated last week is expected to of the Judiciary Subcmte. hearing scheduled for Wednesday has indicated a desire for the Committee to approve legislation. While SIIA will continue to work with House leaders to fine-tune, is supportive of many key provisions in the draft bill, including fee diversion, convert the U.S. system to "first-inventor-to-file" provide for third party prior art submission.

On the privacy front, Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) has yet to floor much-anticipated legislation, but he continues to tweak the bill. reportedly adds a "privacy by design" section and modifies identifiable information that's publicly available and a more personally identifiable information," a term that now covers "a significant risk of economic, physical or emotional" harm.

Cybersecurity continues to draw a lot of attention on in Washington. Commerce Committee postponed a hearing scheduled for March 29. However, legislators in the House and Senate, as well as the discuss key elements and seek common ground. More on this.

In other IP news, SIIA held a [webcast](#) for members last Friday applications for possibly hundreds of new generic top level domains may provide additional branding and strategic opportunities may exponentially increase cybersquatting, present new trademark infringement problems for IP owners, and dramatically increase is in the process of finalizing new IP rights protection mechanisms procedures, following comments by SIIA and many others. We developments closely and participate in the ICANN policy process.

### SIIA News & Notes

[SIIA Issue brief submitted to W3C Workshop on Web T](#)  
(March 25)

[SIIA Webcast on ICANN's Planned Expansion of gTLDs](#)  
[Challenges](#) (March 25)

