



The Software & Information Industry Association's

Digital Policy Roundup

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Policy Calendar

May 4

[Hearing: ICANN Generic Top-Level Domains \(gTLD\) Oversight Hearing](#)

House Judiciary Subcommittee on IP, Comp. and the Internet

May 4

[Hearing: The Threat of Data Theft to American Consumers](#)

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

May 5

[Hearing: Ensuring Competition on the Internet: Net Neutrality and Antitrust: Part II, FCC Panel](#)

House Judiciary Subcommittee on IP, Comp. and the Internet

May 10

[Hearing: Protecting Mobile Privacy: Your Smartphones, Tablets, Cell Phones and Your Privacy](#)

Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Privacy, Tech. and the Law

May 11

[SIIA Government Affairs Council Meeting](#)

Featuring FTC Commissioner Julie Brill

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Congress has resumed and as expected, turned significant technology issues. Data security and mobile privacy have been top issues, with multiple hearings expected on the topics in the coming weeks. On mobile privacy, the Senate Commerce and Judiciary Committee will lead on what is ultimately a split-jurisdiction issue. Sen. Al Franken's Judiciary Subcommittee on Privacy Technology and the Law has its hearing scheduled for May 4. The House Commerce Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) has a hearing scheduled for May 5 but has yet to confirm the date. While the makers of mobile devices (notably Apple and Google) have received the most attention, the focus is likely to shift to the app developers who have been the source of the data.

Similar to recent focus on mobile privacy, the data breach issue will also get a look at industry practices--with Sony's recent PlayStation 3 breach. House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade Committee Chair (R-CA) [noted](#) that the incident reinforced her "long-held belief that we need to do more to protect sensitive consumer information." In an announcement on Wednesday, she also said she plans to introduce legislation to address the issue with necessary additional safeguards.

Also this week, SIIA President Ken Wasch will be testifying at the Security Review Commission Hearing on IP Rights and Internet Policy. The House Judiciary Subcommittee hearing on ICANN gTLDs. Steve Lippman will testify on behalf of SIIA and other members of the Coalition for Online Privacy. On the West Coast, the California legislature will be holding the first "Not Track" legislation.

As the Administration works to complete its cybersecurity strategy, SIIA sent a [letter](#) to Administration officials recommending a robust partnership between the government and private sector. The letter includes recommendations to help the government keep pace with the rapidly changing threat landscape protecting the nation's online systems, networks and data.

SIIA News & Notes

[SIIA Letter to Howard Schmidt re: Cybersecurity Recommendations](#)

[COA Testimony for ICANN Generic Top-Level Domain Oversight Hearing \(May 4\)](#)

