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Policy Calendar

May 19

[Hearing: Consumer Privacy and Protection in the Mobile Marketplace, Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection Subcommittee.](#)

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[Senate Commerce Committee Markup of PROTECT IP Act](#)

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ECPA/Privacy Today

Sen. Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) today announced his support for the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA). In releasing the statement, Leahy was applauding the Chairman's leadership and characterizing the bill as a "critical step" to ensure that the information Americans store virtually in the cloud is protected as the information stored in their homes. Given the importance and interest expressed by House Judiciary Chair Lamar Smith, the bill is expected to receive considerable attention in both the House and Senate ahead.

Cybersecurity

Last Thursday the White House released its long-awaited [proposal](#) to address cybersecurity threats to the Nation's infrastructure. In response to the proposal, SIIA released a statement commending the Administration's public-private partnership and pledging to continue working with Congressional leaders on this critical issue. As if this was not enough attention on cybersecurity policy, the Administration followed up with the [U.S. International Strategy for Cyberspace](#) that promotes "the future of the Internet" and sets an "agenda for partnership" to achieve that vision." Importantly, the plan emphasizes the importance of freedom, privacy and the free flow of information.

Intellectual Property

Also last Thursday, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, Senator Grassley, and Senator Hatch introduced "The Preventing Real Rights Threats to Creativity and Theft of Intellectual Property Act" (The PREVENT Act) legislation to provide the government and rights holders with the authority to use websites to profit from piracy and counterfeiting of intellectual property. SIIA issued a statement in support of the bill and urged Congress to make this issue a priority. The bill is included on the agenda for the Senate Judiciary Committee business meeting this Thursday. The comment period for ICANN's Draft Applicant Guidebook (DAG) has been submitted [comments](#) urging ICANN to delay its vote on the DAG due to concerns with the rights protection mechanisms and who will be meeting June 20 in Singapore to consider whether to open the time and open the process for new gTLD applications.

