



The Software & Information Industry Association's

Digital Policy Roundup

News and updates compiled by the industry authority

Policy Calendar

May 25

[Hearing: Cybersecurity, Innovative Solutions to Challenging Problems, House Judiciary Subcommittee on IP, Competition and the Internet](#)

May 25

[Hearing: Protecting Information in the Digital Age, Federal Cybersecurity Research and Development Efforts; House Science Subcommittee on Tech. and Innovation](#)

May 25

[Hearing: Cybersecurity: Assessing the Immediate Threat to the United States, House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on national security and homeland defense](#)

May 25

[Senate Judiciary Markup of PROTECT IP Act](#)

May 25

[State of the Mobile Net, Internet Caucus Advisory Committee Conference](#)

June 7

[SIIA Technology Policy Committee Meeting, 2-4pm EST](#)

MAY 24

Again this week cybersecurity is the headline IT issue in the Administration's proposed legislation. It's not a typo that it was scheduled for this Wednesday alone. That's in addition to the hearing yesterday. At that hearing, Committee Chair Joe Barton and member Susan Collins (R-ME) voiced strong support for the bill that it closely tracks their draft legislation.

However, they did note a couple key differences that will be moved forward. Specifically, Sens. Lieberman and Collins support liability protection in the event of a cyber attack, the lack of clear language limiting the President's special authority in an emergency. Of course, there are still plenty of other significant issues which is the definition of "critical infrastructure." Majority Leader Mitch McConnell will lead the effort to finalize draft cyber legislation in the Senate once the draft becomes available.

On the IP front, the Judiciary Committee markup of the PROTECT IP Act slated for last week was pushed back to this Thursday. In the meantime, Tuesday to Judiciary Committee leaders voicing support for the bill to strengthen the U.S. government's ability to combat software piracy, especially against operations taking place on foreign web services and innovation in online technologies and services.

Still on the radar screen, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) could introduce cloud computing legislation with Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) tuned on this front.

SIIA News & Notes

May 24

[SIIA Comments on S.968, the PROTECT IP Act](#)

May 17

[SIIA Applauds Chairman Leahy for Leading Effort to](#)

May 16

[SIIA Comments: Electronic Submission of Comments and the SIIA Guidebook](#)

