



The Software & Information Industry Association's

Digital Policy Roundup

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Policy Calendar

June 1

[Promoting Investment and Protecting Commerce Online: The ART Act, the NET Act and Illegal Streaming, House Judiciary Subcommittee on IP, Comp. and the Internet](#)

June 1

[Copy Owners v. Copyright Owners: Is the First-Sale Doctrine Dead in the Digital Era?](#)

June 7

[Massive Attack: Analyzing Mass Copyright Infringement Campaigns, Copyright Society](#)

June 9-10

[National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace \(NSTIC\) Workshop, NIST](#)

June 10

2-3:30 p.m. SIIA Ed Tech Policy Committee Meeting. Contact marks@siia.net

MAY 31, 2011

Today, U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke sent a letter to U.S. House of Representatives Leaders urging quick enactment of patent reform legislation. Secretary Locke reiterated his support for the Senate package and outlined the administration's views on certain key provisions, stating they are "important to our goals of an appropriately funded and well-regulated system for the successful passage of a balanced bill." Key areas of the administration's concerns include First Inventor to File, USPTO Fee Setting and Funding, Patent Proceedings, Pre-issuance Submissions and Prior User Rights.

Also today, in *Global-Tech v. SEB*, the Supreme Court affirmed its ruling on claims of induced patent infringement. The Court held (8-1) that a party has knowledge that the induced conduct itself infringes, and that is enough to satisfy that standard. Rather, the knowledge element is "willful blindness."

In other IP news, the PROTECT IP Act was passed unanimously by the House Committee last week, making this the second piece of major IP legislation to move forward to House consideration. SIIA submitted a [statement](#) congratulating the House and urging quick enactment of the legislation.

And on the ICANN front, following further consultation with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and written comments by stakeholders, ICANN announced a revised Applicant Guidebook on [May 30](#). While the ICANN Board's next meeting scheduled prior to the June 20 vote on the new Guidebook, the May 30 version is unlikely to change materially prior to the vote. ICANN is currently reviewing the May 30 draft, and next week SIIA and other stakeholders are tentatively scheduled to meet with U.S. government representatives to discuss concerns. In light of the recent Congressional hearing, other issues may be considered.

SIIA News & Notes

[SIIA applauds passage of PROTECT IP Act](#) (May 31)

[SIIA Joins Coalition in Opposing Reauthorization of F](#)

[SIIA Comments on Proposed Amendments to FERPA](#)

