



The Software & Information Industry Association's

Digital Policy Roundup

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Policy Calendar

June 9, 2011

[FCC Open Meeting](#)

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.
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June 16

[STEM Education, House Science Committee](#)

June 21

[Hearing: Cybersecurity: Evaluating the Administration's Proposals, Senate Judiciary Sbcmt. on Crime and Terrorism](#)

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Last week saw two noteworthy announcements on the privacy front. The Commerce Committee announced its intention to conduct a study on security and electronic privacy. In the statement released last week, the committee highlighted its immediate focus on data security, but also mentioned a turn to "broader electronic privacy concerns," including mobile devices. Committee Chairwoman Mary Bono Mack (R-CA) will introduce draft legislation in the future, with the intention for quick Committee consideration. SIIA CTO Danny Weitzner confirmed last week that the Administration will release "later in the summer," proposing a safe-harbor approach to information privacy principles.

On the cybersecurity front, new legislation was introduced by Rep. McCaul (R-TX). McCaul, who was tapped by Speaker Boehner to take the lead on this issue, introduced H.R. 2096 on Thursday. The bill focuses on cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards. Staff continue to deliberate on their draft legislation and re-examine the recent administration proposal.

And on the education technology front, this Thursday SIIA Rep. Tom Harkin (D-NM) to reintroduce the Achievement Through Technology Act. The ATTAIN Act has been championed by SIIA and a coalition of education groups for several years to revamp the technology grant program. The Behind Act, which is still up for reauthorization.

Also last week, SIIA submitted [comments](#) to the Federal Reserve on their proposed clarifications of warranties and liabilities in electronically created items (checks). In our comments, SIIA noted that the reliance on electronic processing of information that is only implemented for paper origination and authentication.

SIIA News and Notes

[SIIA comments to Fed. Reserve re: proposed clarifications on electronically-created checks](#) (June 3, 2011)

Policy News

[House GOP unveils technology agenda](#) (The Hill, June 7, 2011)

