IP Legislation Highlights (addressing substantive IP issues/Access):


- Preserve Access to Affordable Generics Act, S.214 (Klobuchar, D-MN) – introduced:

- Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013
  - H.R.708 (Doyle, D-PA-14) – introduced: 2/14/2013
  - S. 350 (Cornyn, R-OK) – introduced: 2/14/2013

- Cyber Security
  - H.R.624 (Rogers, R-MI-08) – introduced: 2/13/2013
  - S.21 (Rockefeller, D-WV) – introduced: 1/22/2013
  - Executive Order, “Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity” (Feb. 12, 2013)
IP Legislation Highlights (affecting Funding and Employee Pay Issues):

  - Passed House 2/15/2013, 261-154

- FY 2013 Appropriations – CR through March 27, 2013
  - H.R. 933 - Full Year CR; Passed House 3/6/2013, 267-151

- Senate mark filed 3/11/2013
Drafts Legislation discussed:

- **Aaron’s Law – Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (draft)**
  - Sen. Wyden, Rep. Lofgren and others have considered draft in reaction to the death of Aaron Swartz, Internet activist
  - House may consider changes, in particular to the level of penalties

- **Online Copyright Protection**
  - Various proposals discussed during the 112th Congress may resurface; opposition likely

- **Protecting American Trade Secrets and Innovation Act of 2012 (112th Congress)**
  - expected to be introduced by Sen. Coons (D-DE)
  - Bill would create a federal civil private right of action for trade secret theft
Possible Upcoming Congressional Hearings

**Highlight on IP-related hearings:**

- Abusive Patent Litigation: The Impact on American Innovation & Jobs, and Potential Solutions, March 14, 11:30 am (USPTO not testifying)
  
  House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet

**Possible Oversight Hearing this Year:**

- FY 2014 Appropriations – possibly Spring 2013
  
  House Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science

- USPTO Oversight – possibly Spring 2013
  
  House Judiciary Committee

- Online Copyright Protection related - Spring 2013
  
  House Judiciary Committee and possibly Senate Judiciary
Other Considerations for the 113th Congress

- **Change in Leadership** – House and Senate

- **USPTO Funding Issues**

- **Satellite Offices**
  - Continued status briefings -- House and Senate
  - Support for Silicon Valley outreach and other areas

- **New Congressional Caucus Activity**
  - **STE(A)M Caucus** (Reps. Bonamici and Schock) – *Launched Feb. 18*
  - **Congressional Creative Rights Caucus** (Reps. Coble, Chu)– *Launched Feb. 21*

- **USPTO Outreach to Hill Staff**
  - Individual Staff Meetings with Judiciary and New Members
  - Committee Briefings
  - “Day in the Life” Visits for Congressional Staff
  - Smithsonian Tours, “Build a Better Mousetrap”
  - World IP Day, April 2013
Thank you.

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