Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting
Legislative Update
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Congressional Hearings:

Highlight on IP-related hearings (USPTO not testifying):

**Patents**


- “Patent Reform implementation and New challenges for Small Businesses” – May 15, 2013 (1:00pm), House Committee on Small Business

**Copyrights**
- “A Case Study for Consensus Building: The Copyright Principles Project” – May 16, 2013 (2:00 p.m.), House Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet
Various proposals/approaches to address abusive litigation:


- Expand AIA Transitional Program for Covered Business Methods: **S.866** (Sen. Schumer, D-NY) - introduced 5/6/2013

Other approaches that have been discussed:

- Identify the Real Party in Interest / Bolster Assignment Database
- Reduce Discovery Costs
- Limit Actions Against Downstream Users
- Encourage Settlement
Introduced Bills

- Preserve Access to Affordable Generics Act, S.214 (Klobachar, D-MN) – introduced:
- Promoting Automotive Repair, Trade and Sales (Parts) Act
- 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-TX) – 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
- S.886 (Sen. Levin, D-MI) – introduced 5/07/2013
- Executive Order, “Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity” (Feb. 12, 2013)


Draft Legislation discussed:

- 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
Other Considerations for the 113th Congress

- **USPTO Budget / Sequestration**

- **Satellite Offices**
  - Continued interest from Capitol Hill
  - Local support for outreach and education (in Silicon Valley, Denver and elsewhere)

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

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