

Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting Legislative Update



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Active IP Legislation & Congressional Reports

IP Legislation Highlights:

- Online Counterfeiting and Piracy (SOPA – H.R. 3261 and Protect IP - S. 968)
 - ↳ Consideration indefinitely postponed after protests by Internet Community
- Promoting Automotive Repair, Trade, and Sales (PARTS) Act (H.R. 3889)
 - ↳ No action on comparable legislation in 111th Congress
- AIA Technical Corrections
 - ↳ Possible to address effective dates and to address other purely technical issues
- USPTO-CJS FY 2013 Appropriations

Congressional Reports:

- AIA Required Reports: Prior User Rights and International Protection for Small Business completed and delivered; next report on Genetic Testing due June 2012
- FY 2012 Appropriations Required Reports including: economic and national security; IG recommendations; quality; IT improvements.



Congressional Hearings

Recent:

- ***“Prior User Rights” Defense – February 1, 2012***
House Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet

Upcoming:

- ***FY 2013 Appropriations – March 1, 2012***
House Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science
- ***Possible House/Senate USPTO Oversight Hearings – April/May 2012***



Outreach to Stakeholders and Congress

- **Genetic Testing Study** *(as required under the AIA); due June 2012. Public Hearings scheduled:*
 - ✦ *February 16 at Alexandria HQ*
 - ✦ *March 9 in San Diego, CA*

- **Satellite Offices** *(selection of next 2 locations); comment period closed January 30, 2012*
 - ✦ *More than 500 comments received; all posted on the website*

- **Road Shows re: AIA Implementation**
 - ✦ *On the road in....Alexandria, Sunnyvale, Salt Lake City, Dallas, Ft. Lauderdale, Boston and Chicago*
 - ✦ *Opportunity for USPTO to facilitate discussion and respond to questions regarding proposed rules*

- **“Day in the Life” – Congressional Staffers Visit**

- **Congressional Staff Meetings/Briefings Ongoing**



Thank you.

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