



Canadian Digital Copyright / GOSLING update

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- Who (am I)
- How (did we get here)
- What (have Canadian MPs been saying)

Discuss....

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Hello, my name is...

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Most important.

- My first name is Russell, not my last
- I know nothing about puppies..





ORGS...

- CLUEcan.ca/policy CLUE: Canada's Association for Free/Libre and Open Source Software
- GOSLINGcommunity.org Getting Open Source Logic INto Governments
- Digital-Copyright.ca Digital Copyright Canada Forum (petitions, BLOGs, mailing lists, sample letters to send to your MP, ...)

Other Canadian: OnlineRights.ca , CIPPIC.ca , CreativeCommons.ca,
ForumOnPublicDomain.ca, musiccreators.ca, appropriationart.ca

Other: EFF.org , FFII.org , centerpd.org , pubpat.org,
DefectiveByDesign.org



Brief history...

- 1994/1995 NII hearing in the USA, leading to the NII Copyright Protection Act of 1995 (failed)
 - Summary: If new technologies can be abused to infringe copyright, private citizens should not be allowed to own and control them.
- Policy laundered through WIPO to create the 1996 WIPO treaties
 - Implemented in the USA in 1998 as the DMCA
- Canada tabled Bill C-60 in Jun 2005, died in Nov when election was called
- New Heritage minister says bill is soon (Fall 2006, spring 2007,...)



What have “they” been saying

- Bills:
 - C-47 : Olympic marks
 - C-59 : Camcording
- Parliamentary Committee reports
 - “Counterfeiting and Piracy are Theft” : Industry Committee
 - Increase damages for infringement, ratify 1996 WIPO treaties
 - “Counterfeit Goods in Canada - A threat to Public Safety” : Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security
 - Was asked to recommend WIPO treaty ratification by the “Canadian Anti-Counterfeiting Network”, including new anti-circumvention legislation, including criminal provisions for trafficking in circumvention devices. Committee did not include in recommendation.

<http://www.cacn.ca/members-list.html>



What have I been saying?

<http://cluecan.ca/policy>

- We disagree with the legalization or legal projection of techniques used by copyright holders to encode their content such that it can only be accessed with "authorized" technology brands.
- We disagree with the legalization or legal protection of techniques used by device manufacturers to lock down devices such that their owners are considered attackers, where owners are not able to control the technology or make their own software choices.
- We disagree with government promotion or mandating of royalty-based business models over fixed-cost based models used in peer production and peer distribution such as FLOSS.



Who have I spoken with?

- Hon. Mauril Bélanger (Ottawa Vanier)
- Hon. Bill Blaikie (Elmwood – Transcona, retiring)
- Hon. Reg Alcock (Winnipeg South, not current)
- Hon. Sheila Copps (Previous riding of Hamilton East)
- David McGuinty (Ottawa South)
- Charlie Angus (Timmins--James Bay)
- Hon. Bev Oda (Durham, current Heritage Minister)
- Judy Wasylycia-Leis (Winnipeg North)
- Joy Smith (Kildonan--St. Paul)
- Hon. Hedy Fry (Vancouver Center)
- Staffers from Hon. Joseph Fontana (London North Centre)



Currently working on..

- Brian Masse (Windsor West)
- James Rajotte (Edmonton—Leduc)
- Marlene Jennings (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine)

...and the 297 other sitting MPs I've not yet met or had conversations with, including **YOUR MP!**



Hello, and your name is....?

- Please introduce yourself the first time you chat
- Let us know if you have been speaking with elected politicians, bureaucrats, etc
- Do you have a story to share?
- If Canadian, can you help me meet your MP if you are too shy/busy/etc?