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It's **US vs U.S.** in the battle for Canadian Sovereignty

Evil Emissaries of American Interests try to suppress the **Fantastic Freedom of Expression Fighters**

- Harper
- Bush
- Prentice
- Henderson
- McTeague
- Wilkins
- Feinstein / Cronyn
- Schwarzenegger
- Glickman
- Frith
- Oda



THE FIGHT TO SAVE CANADA

...THE DEFEAT OF THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE 2006 ELECTION ALSO SAW THE DEATH OF BILL C-60, A PACKAGE OF AMENDMENTS TO CANADA'S COPYRIGHT ACT...

WITHIN WEEKS OF ODA BEING ELECTED, CRIA ORGANIZED AN EVENT ATTENDED BY 20 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM SEVEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING HERITAGE, INDUSTRY AS WELL AS THE COPYRIGHT BOARD OF CANADA.



WE WILL BE INTRODUCING A NEW COPYRIGHT BILL THAT WILL EXPEDITE MEETING OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

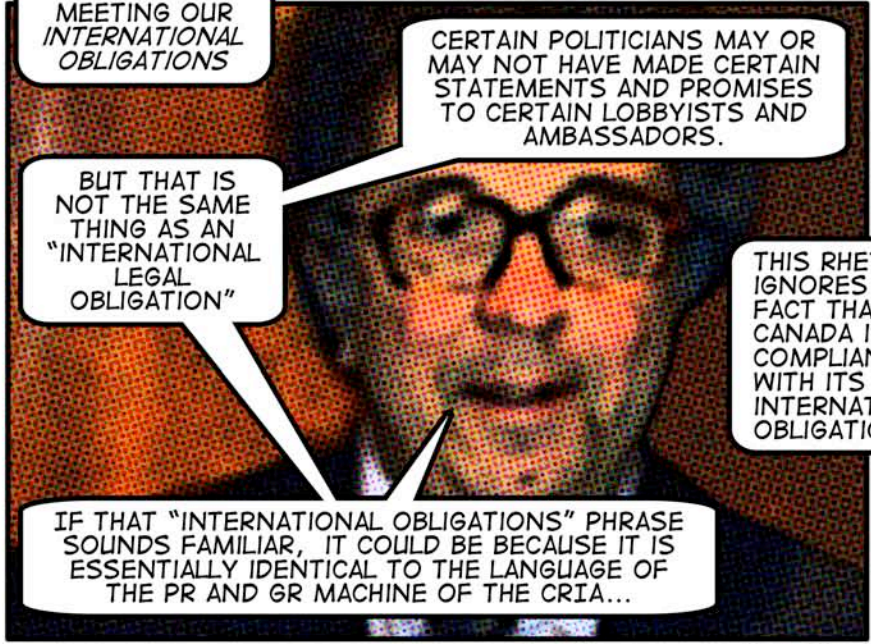
... CRIA EXECUTIVES GRAHAM HENDERSON AND RICHARD PFOHL, DYER, AND ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTERS FROM CANADIAN HERITAGE, INDUSTRY, AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE ENJOYED LUNCH AND DRINKS AT CANADIAN HERITAGE'S EXPENSE IN A PRIVATE DINING ROOM AT LE PANACHE RESTAURANT.

Minister Bev Oda

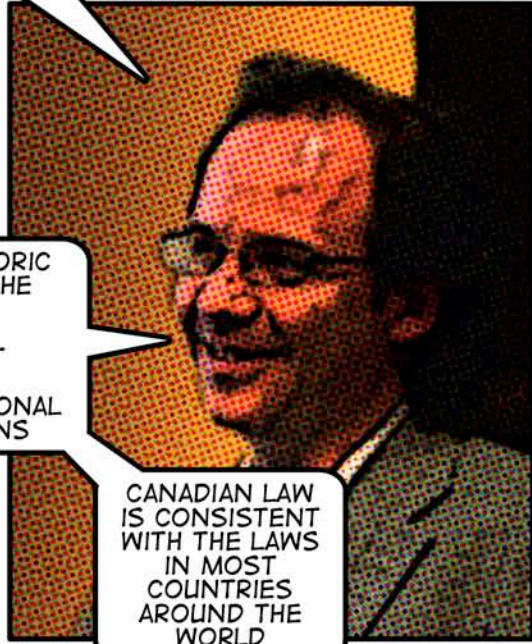
Graham Henderson - CRIA

CERTAIN POLITICIANS MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE MADE CERTAIN STATEMENTS AND PROMISES TO CERTAIN LOBBYISTS AND AMBASSADORS.

BUT THAT IS NOT THE SAME THING AS AN "INTERNATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATION"



THIS RHETORIC IGNORES THE FACT THAT CANADA IS COMPLIANT WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS



CANADIAN LAW IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LAWS IN MOST COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

Howard Knopf

Michael Geist

IF THAT "INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS" PHRASE SOUNDS FAMILIAR, IT COULD BE BECAUSE IT IS ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE PR AND GR MACHINE OF THE CRIA...

CANADIAN ARTISTS FIND EXISTING LAWS RESTRICTIVE, AND MOST ASSUME THAT NEW LEGISLATION WILL ONLY INCREASE CONSTRAINTS



FOR MANY ARTISTS FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION INCLUDES FREEDOM TO ACCESS PREEXISTING CULTURE.

FOR MANY CREATORS MORE RESTRICTIVE COPYRIGHT IS NEITHER DESIRABLE NOR BENEFICIAL...

Gordon Duggan - Appropriation Art



FOR A VERY LONG TIME, WE- AS ARTISTS - HAVE ALLOWED INDUSTRY GROUPS TO SPEAK ON OUR BEHALF. WE WANT THAT TIME TO STOP

WE DO NOT FEEL THAT WE CAN REMAIN MEMBERS GIVEN CRIA'S DECISION TO ADVOCATE SOLELY ON BEHALF OF THE FOUR MAJOR FOREIGN MULTI-NATIONAL LABELS

Stephen Page - Canadian Music Creators Coalition

...A CHANGE OF TACTICS IS A GOOD START...FIRST, CHANGE THE FACE FROM THE MUSIC INDUSTRY TO THE MOVIE INDUSTRY. THEN START FEEDING IN LEGISLATION IN SMALL DOSES INSTEAD.



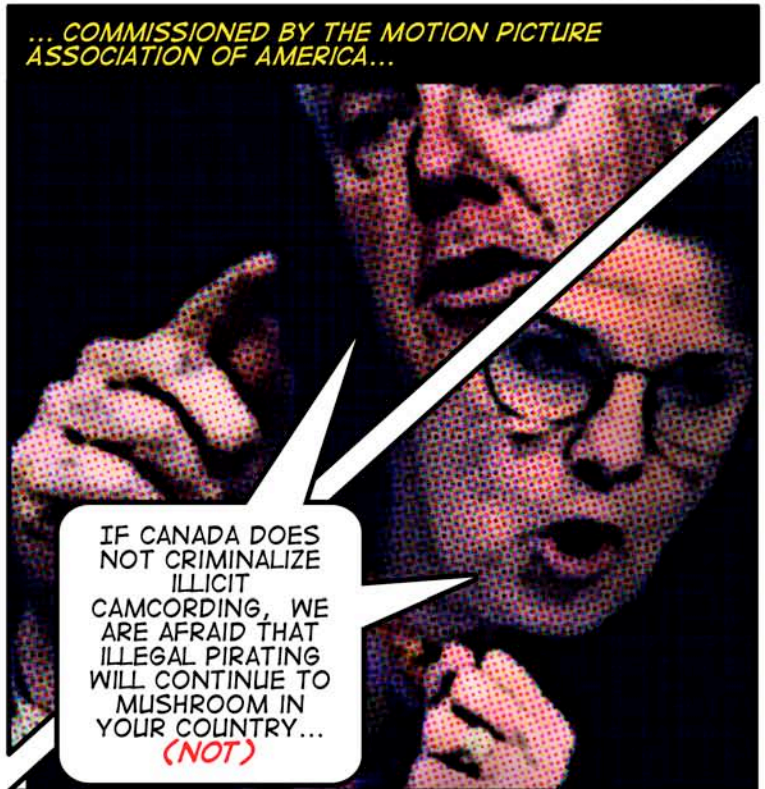
Dan Glickman - MPAA

IT IS MPAA'S VIEW THAT CANADA SHOULD HAVE BEEN ELEVATED TO THE PRIORITY WATCH LIST...**(NOT)**



Douglas Frith-CMPDA

— TO BE ABLE TO SEIZE CASH IN THE TILL, TO GO TO THEIR HOMES, TO THEIR CARS...



... COMMISSIONED BY THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA...

IF CANADA DOES NOT CRIMINALIZE ILLICIT CAMCORDING, WE ARE AFRAID THAT ILLEGAL PIRATING WILL CONTINUE TO MUSHROOM IN YOUR COUNTRY...**(NOT)**

Seator John Cornyn / Senatoer Diane Feintein



David Wilkins - American Ambassador

IT IS ESTIMATED TO BE FROM SOME \$10 TO \$30 BILLION PER YEAR.**(NOT)**

WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO PROVE THE ECONOMIC LOSS...**(NOT)**

RIGHT NOW THE COPYRIGHT LAWS OR THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT PROTECTION IN CANADA IS CONSIDERED THE WEAKEST OF THE G-7 COUNTRIES!**(NOT)**



Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger / Prime Minister Stephen Harper

NEW LEGISLATION MEANT TO CRACK DOWN ON FILM PIRACY WAS INTRODUCED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON FRIDAY, TWO DAYS AFTER FORMER ACTION STAR AND CALIFORNIA GOV. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER MET WITH PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER.

...THE SWIFT PASSING OF BILL C-59 MAY BE INTERPRETED BY SOME AS BOWING TO THE U.S. MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY NOT TO MENTION THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

THE EXTREME FAST TRACKING OF THIS BILL DEMONSTRATES THE WILLINGNESS...

OF ALL PARLIAMENTARIANS TO PASS BILLS...

WITHOUT REQUIRING ANY EVIDENCE.

THEY CANCELLED THE FUNDRAISER AND THEY SAID THE CHEQUES WOULD BE RETURNED

PIRACY STATISTICS ARE LABELLED "SELF-SERVING HYPERBOLE"

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Russell McOrmond

HERITAGE MINISTER BEV ODA CANCELLED A BAY STREET FUNDRAISER LAST NOVEMBER OVER BAD OPTICS...

ODA WAS FORCED TO ADMIT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT CONDUCTED ANY INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ON THE SCOPE OF THE MOVIE PIRACY

SHE WAS FAR TOO COZY WITH THE PRIVATE OPERATORS SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE REGULATING

THERE WAS A FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN LED BY A SENIOR BROADCAST EXECUTIVE ON THE EVE OF A MAJOR BROADCAST REVIEW. THAT WAS A SCANDAL

Minister Bev Oda

Michael Geist

WELL, THE CHEQUES WEREN'T RETURNED

Charlie Angus MP

...AND THAT HE PROVIDED THE GOVERNMENT WITH DRAFT LEGISLATION. IS THIS BILL PRETTY CLOSE TO HIS DRAFT LEGISLATION OR ...

MR. FRITH RECENTLY FOUND HIMSELF IN A CONTROVERSY AFTER IT WAS REVEALED THAT HE WAS ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED WITH A SENIOR PUBLIC SERVANT AT CANADIAN HERITAGE, PATRICIA NERI, WHO WAS LEADING A COPYRIGHT FILE ON WHICH MR. FRITH, AS HEAD OF THE CMPDA, WAS LOBBYING.

Douglas Frith CMPDA

DID THE GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY WRITE IT?

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

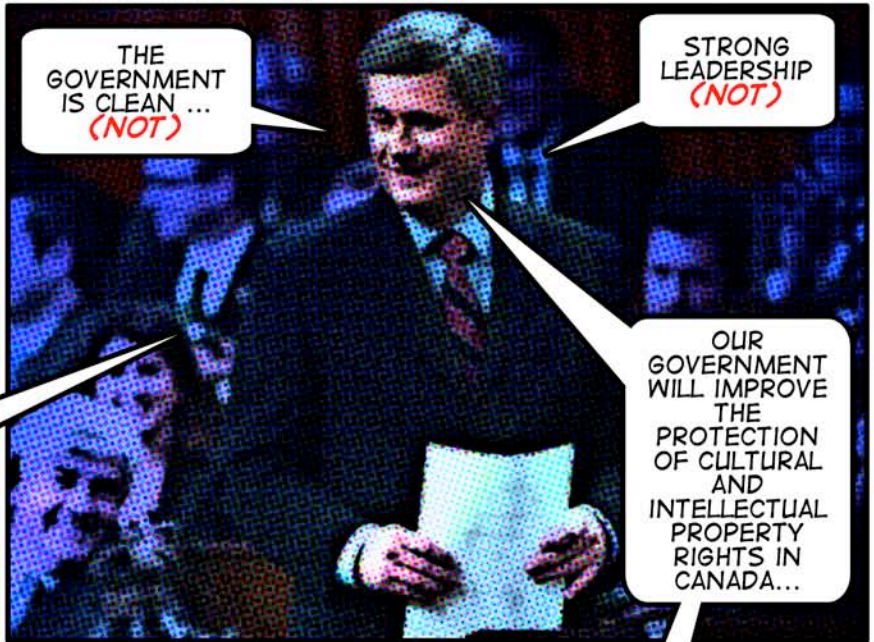
THIS IS A VERY "THIN WEDGE" TO GET MORE CONTROVERSIAL LEGISLATION INTO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.



...OUR GOVERNMENT IS RESOLVED TO UPHOLD THIS HERITAGE BY PROTECTING OUR SOVEREIGNTY AT HOME
(NOT)

Prime Minister Stephen Harper / President George W. Bush

THE GOVERNMENT IS CLEAN ...
(NOT)



STRONG LEADERSHIP
(NOT)

OUR GOVERNMENT WILL IMPROVE THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN CANADA...

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

SHE SEEMS INSTEAD TO PROJECT, PERHAPS UNCONSCIOUSLY, THE DATED ATTITUDE OF HER GOVERNMENT THAT THE ARTS REPRESENT A FRINGE CONSTITUENCY INSTEAD OF THEM BEING INTEGRAL TO A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY



THINGS ARE ABOUT AS BAD AS THEY CAN POSSIBLY GET AT THIS POINT
(NOT)

Minister Josee Verner

THAT FILE-SWAPPING AND COUNTERFEITING, AND THE DECLINE IN MUSIC SALES, ARE CLOSELY LINKED...
(NOT) (NOT) (NOT)

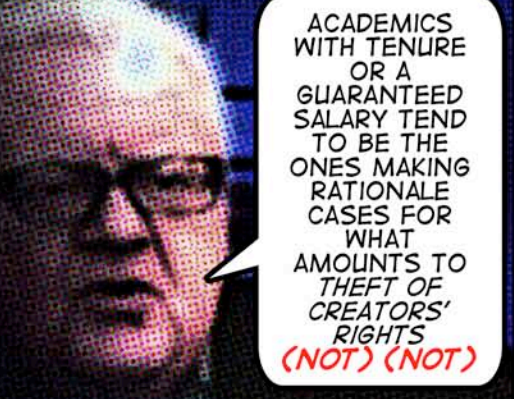


INCLUDING COPYRIGHT REFORM...

Graham Henderson - CRIA

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH, ACADEMIC STUDIES AND COMMON SENSE ALL POINT IN THE, SAME DIRECTION ...
(NOT) (NOT)

WE WANT THE CANADIAN LEGISLATION TO LOOK LIKE AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN LEGISLATION, BECAUSE IT'S WORKING THERE...
(NOT) (NOT) (NOT) (NOT)



ACADEMICS WITH TENURE OR A GUARANTEED SALARY TEND TO BE THE ONES MAKING RATIONALE CASES FOR WHAT AMOUNTS TO THEFT OF CREATORS' RIGHTS
(NOT) (NOT)

David Basskin

WHAT PRECISE PROVISION IN CANADIAN LAW IS CURRENTLY MISSING THAT WOULD DEPRIVE THE RECORD INDUSTRY OF THE OPPORTUNITY, RIGHT NOW, TO SUE 20, 000 CANADIAN CONSUMERS?

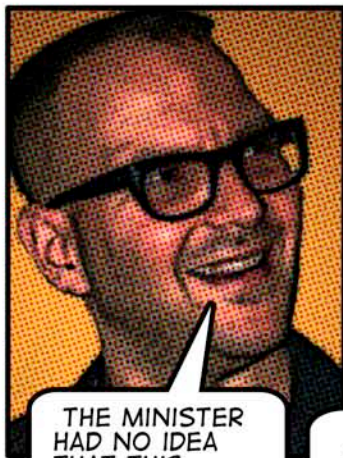


Minister Jim Prentice



Graham Henderson - CRIA

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Cory Doctorow - Boing Boing

THE MINISTER HAD NO IDEA THAT THIS WOULD BE SUCH A BIG DEAL FOR CANADIANS



Charlie Angus MP

CANADIANS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHY THEY WILL BE STUCK WITH AN UNBALANCED, ONE-SIDED PIECE OF MADE IN THE U.S.A. COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION.



Laura J Murray - faircopyright.ca

PRENTICE'S COMMENTS HAVE TO BE ANSWERED, SINCE THEY'RE MOSTLY PLAIN WRONG.



Jennifer Stoddart - Privacy Commissioner of Canada

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TECHNICAL MECHANISMS TO PREVENT COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT THAT COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE PRIVACY RIGHTS OF CANADIANS.



Protestors at Jim Prentice's Christmas party



Fair Copyright Canada members getting signatures

PLANS TO REFORM CANADIAN COPYRIGHT LAW WERE PUT ON HOLD LAST WEEK AFTER INTENSE CRITICISM OF THE UNSEEN LEGISLATION RADIATED FROM THE INTERNET



...THE MINISTER AND HIS ADVISERS ARE SCRAMBLING, RETHINKING THE ENTIRE MATTER BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC OUTCRY.

WITHIN WEEKS, NEARLY 40,000 CANADIANS JOINED THE GROUP

IN FACT, MORE TELLING THAN ANY POSTING OR OP-ED ARE THE THOUSANDS OF LETTERS, CALLS, AND POSTINGS FROM INDIVIDUALS FROM COAST TO COAST...

THE PUBLIC OUTCRY THROUGH FACEBOOK, THE TREATY ISSUE, THE OPPOSITION FROM EDUCATION, THE IMPACT OF COPYRIGHT ON SOME MPS ELECTORAL CHANCES, THE PRIVACY CONCERNS, THE OUTCRY FROM ARTISTS GROUPS, THE OP-EDS, AND THE CREATION OF A POWERFUL BUSINESS COALITION CALLING FOR BALANCED COPYRIGHT MAY HAVE ALL PLAYED A ROLE.

THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT, IT SEEMS, JUST WANTS THE BILL Tabled, AND WILL DEAL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES AFTERWARD. I WONDER IF THEY'RE READY TO LOSE A FEDERAL ELECTION. THAT'S ONE HELL OF A CONSEQUENCE.

CAUGHT RED-FACED (OR RED HANDED) THE GOVERNMENT HAS WITHDRAWN THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND IS EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE A REVISED VERSION OF SAME TO THE HOUSE BEFORE THE SUMMER RECESS.

THE VESTED INTERESTS OF RESTRICTIVE COPYRIGHT ARE STACKING THE DECK IN CANADA...

CANADIAN COPYRIGHT LAW IS ACTUALLY MUCH STRONGER THAN U.S. COPYRIGHT LAW IN THE MANY WAYS

WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO HAVE A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS LOB GRENADES TO STOP WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. (NOT)

CANADA IS IN DANGER OF BECOMING THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE WORLD GIVEN OUR ANEMIC COPYRIGHT ACT. (NOT)

WHEN COPYRIGHT LOBBYISTS DISCOVERED THAT NOTED COPYRIGHT SCHOLAR HOWARD KNOPF WOULD APPEAR ON JUST ONE OF THE PANELS, THEY WENT BERSERK AND PUSHED SUCCESSFULLY TO HAVE KNOPF REMOVED, ENSURING THAT DISSIDENTING VOICES WOULD BE MINIMIZED ON THE DAY.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Howard Knopf

THE PARLIAMENTARY IP CAUCUS, CO-CHAIR BY LIBERAL MP DAN MCTEAGUE AND CONSERVATIVE GORD BROWN, PLAN TO ROLL OUT THE WELCOME MAT FOR THE U.S.

CANADA'S LEGISLATION IN THE COPYRIGHT REGIME IS WOEFULLY INADEQUATE (NOT)(NOT) (NOT)

DAN'S GOT A BIT OF A REPUTATION FOR MERGING PIRACY AND COUNTERFEITING AND THEFT, ALL ROLLED UP INTO ANYTHING USED ON THE INTERNET

SO WHY IS CANADA SINGLED OUT FOR USTR'S SERIOUS CONCERNS?

Ambassador David Wilkins

Dan McTeague MP

Ambassador Susan Schwab

CAREER TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONGRESSIONAL ANTI-PIRACY CAUCUS MEMBER CAMPAIGNS FROM THE TV, FILM AND MUSIC INDUSTRY ARE IN EXCESS OF \$19 MILLION.

THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL ANTI-PIRACY CAUCUS (IAPC) TODAY RELEASED THEIR "PRIORITY COUNTRY LIST"

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE IS ABOUT TO GET A BLACK EYE FROM THE AMERICANS (NOT)

JOINING CHINA AND RUSSIA IN "THE IGNOMINIOUS THREE" IS CANADA

...THE NEWS RELEASE HASN'T BEEN RELEASED ON THE CAUCUS' WEBSITE, BUT RATHER IS REPORTED ON AT THE RIAA'S WEBSITE

Senator Joseph R. Biden (\$381,266.00)

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

... A SECRET PROCESS, RUN BY TRADE REPRESENTATIVES, TRYING TO REWRITE THE LAWS ON INCREDIBLY CONTENTIOUS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT WERE THRASHED OUT IN PUBLIC PREVIOUSLY...

CANADA'S NEW GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO BETRAY ITS LIBERTARIAN ROOTS AND ITS 2005 POLICY DECLARATION BY HEAVILY INTERFERING WITH THE MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS AND COMMERCE...

PROVIDING UNNECESSARY AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE MONOPOLY RIGHTS THAT SERVE ONLY TO BENEFIT MOSTLY FOREIGN CORPORATE INTERESTS.



Howard Knopf - Excess Copyright



MR. PRENTICE HAS NOT CONSULTED WITH A SINGLE CONSUMER GROUP

WHAT WE'RE EXPECTING IS ABOUT LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A U.S.-STYLE LAWSUIT APPROACH (TO COPYRIGHT) IN CANADA

Harper / Prentice / Verner



David Fewr - CIPPIC

BUT ARE NOW BEING REWRITTEN IN SECRET AND THROUGH THE BLINKERED PERSPECTIVE OF TRADE, NOT COPYRIGHT POLICY...

IT IS THE PRIVATE SECTOR - TO BE SPECIFIC, U.S. CORPORATE INTERESTS - THAT WILL DETERMINE, ON A ROLLING, EVER CHANGING BASIS WHAT CONDUCT WILL BE PERMITTED



Bush / Harper



HE HAS REFUSED TO MEET WITH KEY CANADIAN STAKEHOLDERS



Chaelie Angus MP

DISCUSSIONS TOWARD AN ACTA COMPLEMENT A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES THAT CANADA IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING....

MEANWHILE HIS GOVERNMENT ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET FOR CORPORATE LOBBYIST AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR



David Emerson - Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

THESE INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS AT THE G8, AT APEC, AND WITHIN THE SECURITY AND PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP WITH MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES



Bush / Harper

INDUSTRY MINISTER JIM PRENTICE HAS SIMPLY DECIDED DISCARD CONSUMER, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND PRIVACY INTERESTS, IGNORE HIS OWN PARTY'S POLICY PLATFORM, AND THE CAVE INTO U.S. PRESSURE.



Michael Geist

TO BE CONTINUED...

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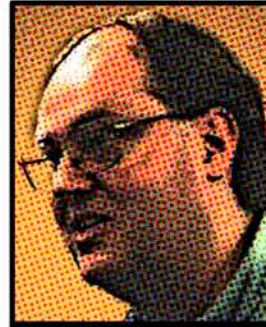
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A FEW MINUTES IS ALL IT TAKES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.,

ONE MINUTE TO JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP, AND INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN THE FIGHT.,

TWO MINUTES TO WRITE TO YOUR MP, WITH OUR EASY LETTER-WRITER.,

THREE MINUTES TO WATCH MICHAEL GEIST'S VIDEO ON WHAT YOU CAN DO NEXT.

CONSOLE SOURCE

SEND A LETTER TO HARPER, PRENTICE & VERNER AND STOP THE CANADIAN DMCA

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