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Subject: OT: The Broadcast Flag in <48 hours?

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I don't usually post things like this here, but this is the first time I've seen something with such an urgent time constraint.

Behold the slow trampling of fair use in the US. The main story is at the top but there are some important comments towards the end.

Quote:The Importance of writes "Think the Broadcast Flag is dead? EFF is warning that Hollywood is trying to sneak the broadcast flag into law as an amendment to a massive appropriations bill. 'If what we hear is true, the provision will be introduced before a subcommittee tomorrow and before the full appropriations committee on Thursday. That gives us 48 hours to stop it.' Action Alert here. List of Senator's phone numbers here."

I love slashdot. So, would you love being forced to upgrade your old-school analog TVs to the uberleet HDTVs because cathode ray TVs are obsolete and not being able to record anything on TV? Want your VCRs useless save for those old VHS's?

This essentially puts DRM on television all in the name of piracy, but all it does is trample fair use rights. Think of DVDs with unskipable ads? It's coming...what will you do about it?

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