

Stop the Internet Takeover

Today our Internet is governed and managed by a number of non-profit groups headed by some of the brightest and most experienced engineers and internet experts in the world. The Federal Government wants to change that. A bill has been introduced in the Senate that would hand all of these functions (and much more!!) to President and his appointed overseers.

Senate Bill S.773 the Cybersecurity Act of 2009 introduced by Senator Rockefeller would turn the total control of every aspect of the internet over to the Washington elite. They would control the design, set-up , access, operation and monitoring of every major PUBLIC AND PRIVATE network system in the country. Additionally they would set the strategy for all future development of the network. Key initiatives would center on WHO sent the information and WHO is receiving it with the goal of addressing "the growing problem of insider threats". THAT'S YOU AND ME if we dare to disagree with the policies and methods of Washington. And, just to make sure they have all the bases covered, the Department of Commerce will serve as the Public-Private Clearinghouse for all cybersecurity threat and vulnerability information and will have access to all data "without regard to any provision of law, regulation, rule or policy restricting such access ".

Wait there's more. The President would be given the authority to:

- DECLARE A CYBERSECURITY EMERGENCY AND ORDER THE SHUTDOWN OF ALL INTERNET TRAFFIC TO ANY AND ALL NETWORK SYSTEMS
- DESIGNATE A GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF ANY SHUTDOWN SYSTEM
- ORDER THE DISCONNECTION OF ANY NETWORK OR SYSTEM IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL SECURITY
- WORK WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO DEVELOP NORMS, ORGANIZATIONS AND COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION ON A GLOBAL SCALE

WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN

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