

Bill to Address International Cooperation on Cyber Security

This week the Bay Area Council's Cyber Security Committee officially lent its support to proposed legislation by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) entitled the "International Cybercrime Reporting and Cooperation Act." This legislation addresses the issue of international cooperation to fight cybercrime – an issue that is critically important in the ongoing cyber war.



The proposed bill requires the President to submit annual reports to Congress on information and communications technologies of foreign countries; to identify countries of cyber concern; to develop action plans to improve the capacity of such countries to combat cybercrime; and, to cutoff foreign assistance to countries of cyber concern that have not complied with the benchmarks in the action plans.

The Gillibrand-Hatch bill, while not sweeping, is a big step in addressing the issue of foreign cyber security. This new law will introduce meaningful mechanisms by which the United States can enforce compliance and compel greater cooperation and information sharing through multilateral organizations and bilateral interactions. Cyber-security is a multi-dimensional issue that touches several domains, including policy, technology, and commerce. Much still needs to be done to develop effective policies and standards to offer comprehensive protection of our citizens, enterprises, and government. This bill is an important step in changing the way we perceive and manage cyber-security in the international arena.

The Council's Cyber Security Committee will actively support the bill and we will keep you updated on our progress. To get involved with the committee, contact [Del Christensen](#) at 415-946-8738.

Spotlight on Outlook: An Insidious Threat

In line with the efforts of the Council's Cyber Security Committee, we are presenting a panel at our May 6, 2010, Outlook Conference called: *An Insidious Threat for Nations, Companies and You: The Growing Cyber War*, moderated by Ellen Richey, Chief Enterprise Risk Officer, Visa, Inc. and Chair of the Council's Cyber Security Committee. Also confirmed on the panel is the State of California's Chief Information Security Officer, Mark Weatherford. [Click here](#) for more information on Outlook.



Quote of the Week

"If there were a pain-free solution, don't you think someone would have come up with it by now?" – Byron Williams, columnist at the [Mercury News](#), on the government reform challenges the new Governor will face.