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Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 18:22
To: Peets, Gerard: SPS
Subject: RE: Canadian Chamber of Commerce meeting with John Connell
Thanks for both reports, Gerard.

From: Peets, Gerard: SPS
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To: MFP-CIIP Copyright team; Downie, Colette: SPS; Connell, John: SPS
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Subject: Canadian Chamber of Commerce meeting with John Connell

John Connell and I met with Canadian Chamber of Commerce / Canadian Intellectual Property Committee representatives today. In attendance were Chris Gray, Bob Weese and Graham Henderson.

1. They indicated that they were fully supportive of the spirit of the bill, and hoped that it would proceed soon to the Committee stage. They indicated that they would be advancing "tweaks" that would better deliver on the Government's stated policy intent.
2. As an example, they noted that the ISP provisions were too broad -- that they would risk giving safe harbour to illegitimate pirate sites. Graham Henderson asserted that Canada was a haven for pirate sites, and that tough laws were needed to close them down. He applauded Minister Clement's comments about attacking the "wealth destroyers". He also applauded the recent camcording legislation, noting that since it was adopted, Canada is no longer a major source of camcorded pirated movies (he indicated that much of this illicit activity was now taking place in Mexico.)
3. He also brought up the issue of format-shifting. He noted his complete agreement with the policy intent -- and his disagreement with some creator groups who are advocating for an associated levy on digital media storage devices -- but he suggested that, as worded, the exception would allow people to share content for the private purposes of others. He suggested that this was clearly not the Government's intent, and that CIPC would be proposing fixes.
4. The CCC asked John about the upcoming committee -- timing, whether there would be scope for working together on a government-sponsored amendment package in advance of the proceedings. John indicated that no decisions had yet been taken.

Gerard