

Good day dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the upcoming bill C-32

I would first state that as a Canadian Citizen, I find this bill appalling.

I would like to dispute the bill's summary as respectfully as at best misleading.

>>"update the rights and protections of copyright owners to better address the challenges and opportunities of the Internet, so as to be in line with international standards"

Lets be honest with ourselves this is a fancy words meaning absolutely nothing, as there are no current international standards.

>>"clarify Internet service providers' liability and make the enabling of online copyright infringement itself an infringement of copyright"

Current laws cover all instances of copyright. Regardless if it happens online or not. I fail to see how interacting with a community on the internet or a community in a bingo hall or church is or should or need be any different.

>>"permit businesses, educators and libraries to make greater use of copyright material in digital form"

I loath to say whomever wrote this is either naive beyond words or purposely attempting to mislead the general public. The simple fact is without even these laws in effect a huge amount of works are already currently protected by "technological protection measures". If a copywrite holder wishes to allow additional actions they can already specify additional actions under current law they wish to allow. This bill will destroy fair use as we know it. We will lose access to a vast majority of Canadian works, they will be locked up and forever made illegal to access. With this bill in effect when our children's children try and access historical arts and information they will be unable to as a result. This bill is a first dangerous step in allowing our Canadian heritage to be locked up. "technological protection measures" will become an industry defacto standard on everything, fair use will disappear. Our schools, libraries and small businesses will be unable to use almost any material from digital forms.

>>"allow educators and students to make greater use of copyright material"

See the above comment, the industry defacto standard will remove these rights.

>>"permit certain uses of copyright material by consumers"

If by permit they mean disallow consumers any fair rights usage at all.

>>"give photographers the same rights as other creators"

I think this would be a good amendment to our current laws, if indeed we have some small holes to patch, where products may be incorrectly covered.

>>"ensure that the *Copyright Act* remains technologically neutral"

This bill currently does the exact opposite in my opinion, it makes technology an easy 1-2-3 step to completely eliminating all consumer and fair usage rights.

>>"mandate a review of the *Copyright Act* by Parliament every five years"

Should we, and have we not already been doing this? Do we really need more laws on the books that restrict the focus of Parliament? We must understand Parliament needs be free to act on important issues of the day. If we continue to implement poorly worded mandates of review we lead ourselves pied piper and all into more costly red tape that our country can neither afford nor do we need.

In closing I thank you for your time and consideration gentlemen. I once again urge you that this bill in its current form is a wolf in sheep's clothing, with only one goal in mind, continuing to enrich large corporate media institutes at the expense of Canadians.

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