

TOP TALKER: GOOGLE'S ANTITRUST COMPLEX - Today's lead story, from Elizabeth Wasserman: "Google is under siege in Washington like never before and says an 'anti-Google industrial complex' is to blame. In an interview with POLITICO, Google argued that a cabal of antitrust lawyers, lobbyists and public relations firms is conspiring against the Internet search giant - and that arch-rival Microsoft is the driving force behind it."

GOOGLE'S VIEW - "We try to create lots of new technologies for consumers, and the companies and industries that we disrupt sometimes try to seek recourse in Washington," said Adam Kovacevich, Google's spokesman in D.C. who was recently detailed to deal solely with antitrust issues. "In particular, Microsoft and our large competitors have invested a lot in D.C. to stoke scrutiny of us. But our goal is to make sure that we can continue creating cool new things for consumers." MORE FROM THE STORY: <http://politico.pro/eshJgj>

SCOOP I: WHAT TO EXPECT AT THIS WEEK'S BROADBAND HEARING - Top GOP-ers on the telecom subcommittee tell MT they plan to take a hard look at potential misuse or misallocation of RUS and NTIA broadband funds on Thursday.

"Obviously, the money went out the door very rapidly, and before the maps [of broadband availability] had been drawn - which is an issue we raised," Rep. Greg Walden told MT. The panel will thus hear from the IGs of both Commerce and Ag, as well as a rep from the GAO, to make sure "taxpayer money is not being wasted, [and] that we're not overbuilding," the congressman said. Walden also reiterated his call for new ARRA broadband oversight legislation, which he said would ensure unallocated or returned grant money is returned to the Treasury.

SCOOP II: PRYOR SAYS DO NOT TRACK BILL IS LIKELY - Mark Pryor tells your MT-er on the Hill that he "will, in all likelihood" introduce soon the privacy proposal he's been working on since 2010. The senator added it "probably will" include a "Do Not Track" component, as many stakeholders expect.

MORE PRIVACY POLITICKING - Pryor talks about process, Bobby Rush tells MT his bill is coming in the "next few days," and Cliff Stearns notes his could contain a social networking component. We dive in after the jump.

WE'RE GOING PRO (AND YOU SHOULD TOO) - The long-awaited launch of POLITICO Pro is finally here! (We'd toast a glass of champagne if it wasn't 6 a.m.)

Starting today, subscribers have access to even more of the insider tech policy coverage you've come to love from your MT crew. That means a daily download of your fav newsletter (and its quirky humor) beginning at 6 a.m. - three hours earlier than everyone else - on top of breaking news alerts and stories all day. Oh, and subscribers have the added ability to click on Pro story links without even leaving the newsletter. Here's everything you need to know: <http://politi.co/eRGKJN>

Good Wednesday morning, welcome back to Morning Tech - where we're not shy to admit we frequently yell expletives at our laptops when things go awry. But apparently, only 39 percent of more than 14k respondents in a recent poll by Avira 'fess up to doing the same. That led NetworkWorld to wonder whether the other 61 percent are actually nice to their machines, or just lying to themselves to avoid the pain. More here: <http://bit.ly/faLbbZ>

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WONKY BUT IMPORTANT - Or so says Julius Genachowski, who will tackle the technical parts of broadband investment - pole attachments, Right-of-Way practices and tower siting - at a forum at the FCC today. Soliciting the best ideas on how to cut the red tape on these issues is the purpose of the event. Expect Genachowski to be beating this drum all day starting with an interview conducted by Judy Woodruff at the Digital Town Hall sponsored by The Atlantic. MORE HERE, for MT Pros: <http://politico.pro/fX7BTA>

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WHAT'S NEXT FOR CYBER? - Much debate and wrangling seem to be in the cards for cybersecurity reform, but we checked in with top stakeholders in both chambers:

--Over in the House, Chairman Fred Upton reiterated to us that Speaker John Boehner is ceding the issue to Mac Thornberry, and both Upton and Thornberry have already chatted about their next steps. Thornberry told MT, though, that Congress is still "at the beginning stages" of the process. The congressman later declined to take a position on top cybersecurity issues, such as how much authority DHS should have over domestic cybersecurity. But he did stress, generally, he hopes to avoid the gridlock that's so far precluded action in the Senate. "We obviously will take a different approach because we want something to happen," he said.

--Meanwhile, Susan Collins told MT she and fellow cybersecurity reform co-sponsors Joe Lieberman and Tom Carper still plan to reintroduce their bill - even amid what she said was "so much misinformation" about the so-called "kill switch." But, she again stressed to us it would include a "specific prohibition against the president abusing his authority." Carper, for his part, noted he and Leader Harry Reid would further discuss reform at the Dems' caucus retreat. More here: <http://politico.pro/gK8zUa>

TERRY: USF DELIBERATIONS CONTINUE ON HILL - The congressman told MT there's still much work to be done on USF, even though the FCC is moving forward with its own order. "Frankly, with today's proposal, that's not going to speed up our agenda or slow it down - it is what it is - and we know they can't do things without us," said the congressman, who noted he planned to use the Boucher-Terry proposal from 2010 as a "base" this year. Terry plans to meet with Julius Genachowski today, he told your MT-er, and he stressed much of what the agency hopes to accomplish is going to require some help from the Hill - especially if it involves raising new revenue.

BUT IT MAY TAKE MONTHS - Terry said he and others were "probably a few months away" from seeking Dem co-sponsors and shopping it to stakeholders. For now, he said the goal was to make Walden and Fred Upton "comfortable" with the bill. "Then we'll go bring in the other side," he said. (Though, Terry did stress there'd be "no diversion" to the committee's work on net neutrality.)

PRIVACY UPDATE: NO BIG CHANGES TO RUSH BILL - "Basically," he told your MT-er, it's "the same" - though he did say it may include some tiny tweaks. All told, Rush stressed he believed the bill will be the "gold standard" for any other effort on privacy.

MEANWHILE, STEARNS EYEING SOCIAL NETWORKS? - The congressman's effort is set to draw extensively from the bill he dropped in the 109th Congress, he confirmed to MT. But he also signaled it could include some provisions that touch on social networks.

Stearns did not detail much of what he had in mind, and carefully noted he was only "looking" at a social network provision. But he did say the early conversations are in "light of some of the things that are happening on Facebook." We asked him to elaborate. Stearns merely replied: "Well, I think we're going to see sometime in the near future an Internet consumer bill of rights. ... Lots of people on Facebook volunteer [personal] info, not realizing it's being used in a way that is good but also in ways that reveal a lot of their personal habits, which in the long run they might not want people to know." Stay tuned.

IN SENATE, POLITICAL WAY FORWARD UNCLEAR - Pryor told MT he believes there "won't be only one bill but several pieces as we go through the year." That includes a privacy proposal under construction in John Kerry's office, which some industry folks believe could be merged in some respect with Pryor's plan.

But Pryor told MT he hasn't had much of a chance to huddle with top committee leaders on the next steps in the debate. "I'm not saying right now there's going to be a Kerry-Pryor bill, I'm not quite sure how that's going to work, but certainly I look forward to working with him on [privacy]," he said before joining Dems on their retreat.

OBAMA ESTABLISHES TWO IP ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES - President Obama signed an executive order late Tuesday that established two interagency IP enforcement advisory committees, both of which will be chaired by IP czar Victoria Espinel.

One is a senior advisory committee comprised of the president's cabinet members, which will counsel Espinel on the government-wide IP strategy her office is required to publish every three years under the 2008 PRO IP Act. Its first meeting will take place within 90 days. The other advisory committee is designed to help Espinel further develop the IP strategy - including gathering stats about IP enforcement efforts carried out by the federal government and making recommendations on how to better coordinate local, state and federal law enforcement on the issue. Members of this later committee will include the heads of OMB, USTR, USPTO and other agencies charged with IP enforcement.

CONYERS, SMITH PRAISE EFFORT - The HJC chiefs, who sponsored the PRO-IP act, praise the president for his order. "By encouraging cooperation and communication between the federal agencies tasked with protecting IP, these committees can target counterfeiting trends and recommend responses," said the chairman, calling the announcement a good start. Conyers agreed: "As we look critically for new ways to create jobs in our country, President Obama's actions represent a vital and positive step forward on the road to real economic recovery."

