Internet's dark day: Anti-piracy bills take a beating

The 24-hour blackout and adverse reaction from Internet users was over the right of business — notably Hollywood and the publishing and recording industries — to make a profit on its work, versus maintaining free and open access to the Internet.

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WASHINGTON — Support for a pair of anti-piracy bills unraveled Wednesday amid an Internet blackout and huge public backlash, perhaps giving fresh traction to competing legislation co-sponsored by Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell.

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