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Roll Call
Lobbying Blitz Spurs Some Lawmakers to Abandon Piracy Bill

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Mass online protests of legislation designed to combat online piracy prompted scores of lawmakers to renounce the bill Wednesday, leaving Congressional leaders in each chamber divided on how the bill would progress.

After hours of furious lobbying against the measure, Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) said, "It's pretty clear to many of us that there's a lack of consensus at this point," and he urged House Judiciary Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas) to "try to build consensus" before the bill moves to the House floor.

Over the course of the day, other House leaders tried to steer clear of taking a stand on the measure.

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