
Subject: OT: The Broadcast Flag in <48 hours?
Posted by [YSLMuffins](#) on Tue, 21 Jun 2005 08:05:51 GMT
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I don't usually post things like this here, but this is the first time I've seen something with such an urgent time constraint.

Behold the slow trampling of fair use in the US. The main story is at the top but there are some important comments towards the end.

Quote:The Importance of writes "Think the Broadcast Flag is dead? EFF is warning that Hollywood is trying to sneak the broadcast flag into law as an amendment to a massive appropriations bill. 'If what we hear is true, the provision will be introduced before a subcommittee tomorrow and before the full appropriations committee on Thursday. That gives us 48 hours to stop it.' Action Alert here. List of Senator's phone numbers here."

I love slashdot. So, would you love being forced to upgrade your old-school analog TVs to the uberleet HDTVs because cathode ray TVs are obsolete and not being able to record anything on TV? Want your VCRs useless save for those old VHS's?

This essentially puts DRM on television all in the name of piracy, but all it does is trample fair use rights. Think of DVDs with unskipable ads? It's coming...what will you do about it?

Subject: Re: OT: The Broadcast Flag in <48 hours?
Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Tue, 21 Jun 2005 17:21:51 GMT
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Big corporations are such money whores.

Subject: Re: OT: The Broadcast Flag in <48 hours?
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 21 Jun 2005 17:53:32 GMT
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Unskipable ads? dude, thats so retarded. If we skip them then we don't want to see them, what makes them think we will buy their product if they annoy the hell out of us.

Subject: Re: OT: The Broadcast Flag in <48 hours?
Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Tue, 21 Jun 2005 18:10:10 GMT
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Why are there ads in DVDs any way? Ads are supposed to be a way to make money on free products, like free web hosting, etc., if I pay for a DVD, there shouldn't be any ads of any kind anywhere on or in it. Out of the DVDs I have, only a couple have ads, one can be skipped over, and the other can only be fast forwarded over.

Subject: Re: OT: The Broadcast Flag in <48 hours?
Posted by [Sanada78](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2005 01:49:18 GMT
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I've noticed the ads on DVD's I've bought in the last year or so. Ones before that didn't seem to have any as far as I know. But yeah, why the hell are there ads on a commercial product? It'd be like buying a can of drink but you have to read the ad before you can open it.
