



Rep. Nadler Discusses Main Copyright Act Concerns at NYC Field Hearing About the Congressional Copyright Review

On June 2, 2014, Congressman Nadler, the Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, delivered an opening statement at a field hearing in New York City as part of the comprehensive review of the Copyright Act and the first sale doctrine.

"New York City is home to thousands of creators – songwriters, performers, musicians, playwrights, journalists, authors, and inventors. It is the heart of the publishing industry. Some of the nation's leading technology companies call New York City their home – or at least one of their homes. Several of the country's leading colleges and universities are located here – including my alma mater Columbia – and we have one of the finest public libraries in the nation," said Rep. Nadler. "Given the wealth of talent, experience, and expertise in this city, it is fitting that Chairman Goodlatte chose to hold one of the Subcommittee's comprehensive Copyright Act review hearings here."

"The Court ruled that the first sale doctrine applies to copies of works lawfully made abroad and that importation and resale of such goods is therefore permissible without the copyright owners' consent. In so ruling, the Court noted that booksellers, libraries, museums, and second-hand stores rely on first sale to protect them

when lending or reselling copyrighted works made outside the United States. At the same time, the Court acknowledged that its ruling would make it impossible for copyright holders to produce and price works differently for domestic and foreign markets. Several *amici* warned that this would discourage U.S. copyright owners from competing in foreign markets at all because goods sold abroad could be imported to compete in the domestic market. They cautioned that this would harm American workers and businesses and reduce access to works, both here and abroad.

"These are just a few of the many issues that we will begin grappling with today as part of the Subcommittee's ongoing comprehensive review of the Copyright Act. Once again, we are fortunate to have a broad range of witnesses to provide a diversity of perspectives and wide range of experience, and I look forward to hearing from them."

Rep. Nadler Demands Release of Prisoners Held at Guantanamo Bay Prison

On May 30, 2014, Congressman Nadler, a veteran Member of the House Judiciary Committee, delivered a statement on the House floor on closing the Guantanamo Bay Prison in Cuba.

"I understand that there is an irrational fear of bringing Guantanamo detainees into the United States, even though we would only do so to bring them to justice. In contrast to the military

commissions at Guantanamo, which have not reached one verdict other than by plea, the Federal Court system in the United States has been extremely successful at prosecuting terrorists and safely imprisoning them for long periods of time.

"One of the 9/11 terrorists is in a U.S. prison. The shoe bomber is in a U.S. prison. The underwear bomber is in a U.S. prison. The Times Square bomber is in a U.S. prison. One of the Boston Marathon bombers is in a U.S. prison. We have tried and convicted terrorist masterminds in U.S. courts in my own district.

"Guantanamo should be closed and its inmates either tried or released. It is beyond time to close Guantanamo so it can no longer be used to rally our enemies to recruit terrorists, to undermine our ability to bring terrorist suspects to justice, and to violate bedrock American principles of due process of law.

"I am astonished, frankly, that I would hear on the floor of the United States Congress someone say that people might be acquitted, therefore, they should be held in jail forever because maybe the evidence doesn't exist because someone in the government in the all powerful, almighty, all knowing bureaucracy says that if someone is a terrorist that person must be held in jail indefinitely because maybe we don't have the proof. That is not America."

Rep. Nadler Applauds First-Ever Study of Historical Sites Integral to the LGBT Civil Rights Movement

On May 30, 2014, Congressman Nadler applauded Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Tim Gill, founder of the Gill Foundation, for creating the first-ever study by the National Park Service to identify historical sites and events integral to the civil rights struggle of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans.

"While there is still much, much more to do in the fight for LGBT rights, we must preserve and honor the sacrifices and history surrounding the struggle for LGBT equality for the generations to come. In recognition of the hard-fought journey of America's LGBT community and its allies, including the many who still bear the scars of this battle and the many who gave their lives – this study will help ensure that this important part of our nation's history will never be forgotten," said Rep. Nadler. "The Stonewall Inn, the site of the 1969 rebellion that became the iconic flashpoint of the LGBT civil rights movement, is currently the only LGBT-related National Historic Landmark. I hope that this study will find many more sites worthy of this designation. I would like to thank Secretary Jewell and Tim Gill, who is covering the associated costs, for their diligent efforts make this study possible. I will continue to fight to make sure that the history of the LGBT community gets the recognition it deserves – even as that history is still being written."

The National Park Service study will help identify potential new National Historic Landmarks and properties that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, as well as potential new units of the National Park System. This study will help provide the historic context so that the national significance may be evaluated for properties that are related to this specific area of American history.

Rep. Nadler Commends Recent Progress on USA Freedom Act

On May 22, 2014, Congressman Jerrold Nadler (NY-10), a veteran Member of the House Judiciary Committee, delivered a statement on the House floor on the USA Freedom Act. Part of his statement included the following:

“Today we have the first chance in more than a decade to finally place some real limits on the sweeping, unwarranted – and at times unlawful – government surveillance that many of us have fought against for the past several years,” said Rep. Nadler. “The USA Freedom Act on the floor today certainly does not give us everything we want or need. It is far from perfect, but it is an important step forward and we will work to fix remaining problems and strengthen the bill as it moves through the Senate. But a ‘no’ vote on this bill may mean no reform at all, thus leaving in place the framework that led to the dragnet surveillance of our citizens.”

Rep. Nadler Speaks Against Recent Ruling on Net Neutrality

On May 15, 2014, Congressman Jerrold Nadler (NY-10), the Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Thomas Wheeler regarding this morning’s proposed rule on net neutrality that was passed by the FCC. Congressman Nadler spoke regarding the ruling, stating the following:

“Unfortunately, the proposed rule that passed the FCC today will undermine the principles of net neutrality and the open internet. The FCC must maintain net neutrality by reclassifying broadband providers as common carriers. We must not allow for a pay-to-play internet where one company can refuse to allow fast access to another company unless they pay a premium,” said Rep. Nadler. “This type of online discrimination is unacceptable, will lead to anti-competitive behavior, and will stifle innovation. Chairman Wheeler has said that he does not want to allow the creation of fast and slow lanes on the internet, but I am afraid today’s FCC proposal will do just that.”

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