

Lecture 2: The Internet meets the U.S. Constitution

1994 – Senator Exon introduced a piece of legislation (Section 223)
Section 223 covered Dial Up services (Sable Communications Act) and
indecent material and telecommunications services. The Act died down.

1995 – Exon reintroduced act; also announced he was retiring
Exon also a key vote on Senate Budget committee and felt he was entitled to
a retirement present. Clinton's agenda

Senator Exon's agenda came at a time where other agendas were involved.

Those concerned with CDA:

1. ACCU, EFT, Planned Parenthood, ALA, ISP, Software/Hardware companies

Supporting Bill:

1. Christian Coalition
2. Socially conservative groups
3. FRC
4. AFA

The vote in the senate lasted 1 hour on the floor and the vote was 84-16. The
striking thing was that 16 voted against protecting kids against pornography.

Netscape went public in 1995.

Simultaneously in the House: Chris Cox (R-CA) and Ron Wyden (D-Port, OR)

Newt Gingrich told Chris Cox to find a different way to handle the problem.

IFFEA (Internet Family and Freedom Education Act) was introduced.

- a. Policy – take regulatory approach, user empowerment
- b. Findings – democratic potential, decentralized