

**News and Current Events :: Senate Bill Would Give President Emergency Control of Internet****Senate Bill Would Give President Emergency Control of Internet - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/8/31 10:11****Senate Bill Would Give President Emergency Control of Internet**

A Senate bill would offer President Obama emergency control of the Internet and may give him a "kill switch" to shut down online traffic by seizing private networks -- a move cybersecurity experts worry will choke off industry and civil liberties.

Details of a revamped version of the Cybersecurity Act of 2009 emerged late Thursday, months after an initial version authored by Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.V., was blasted in Silicon Valley as dangerous government intrusion.

"In the original bill they empowered the president to essentially turn off the Internet in the case of a 'cyber-emergency,' which they didn't define," said Larry Clinton, president of the Internet Security Alliance, which represents the telecommunications industry.

"We think it's a very bad idea ... to put in legislation," he told FOXNews.com.

Clinton said the new version of the bill that surfaced this week is improved from its first draft, but troubling language that was removed was replaced by vague language that could still offer the same powers to the president in case of an emergency.

"The current language is so unclear that we can't be confident that the changes have actually been made," he said.

read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/08/28/senate-president-emergency-control-internet/>

**Re: Senate Bill Would Give President Emergency Control of Internet, on: 2009/8/31 11:16**

not much difference from Patriot 2 or FISA which were passed during Bush 43. Our reliance on cyber systems to control essential services to the homeland, and their vulnerability have always remained our weakest link in preserving our ability to manage a 21st century way of life in America, electricity, energy AND FOOD distribution, communications, etc.

But I guess its just the messenger, in this case that causes so much consternation among posters, after all the President has been termed the "anti-christ", a "muslim", a "non-american unfit to hold office", and other such lies spread like a virus via the internet. A UNITED States, eh.

We are going to kill ourselves with this kind of rhetoric, whether its the lefties spending 8 years of "bush hating", or the republican attack machine ratcheting up raw naked hatred against our current commander in chief

Including a former NON CHRISTIAN Vice President on every talk show this Sunday screeching about the AG wanting to investigate the torture gulag of the past 8 years....a VP I might add, who has a new book coming out that is going to take massive broadsides at his former boss, President Bush, a confessing christian, saying the former President "went soft". I have NEVER heard of such a thing in American history.

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God bless you friend, neil

**Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2009/8/31 11:24**

It would not surprise me if the Antichrist could get hold of Google, Facebook, Paypal Twitter etc. I doubt that it will be the president of the United States. We should form fellowships that do not depend on Internet or Telephone services.

**Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2009/8/31 12:18**

Hey Neil

I have a question for you and I do not mean it to be antagonistic in any way. I hope you will just consider it and if you feel led to answer it, I would love to hear it. Here goes:-)

Neil you wrote: Trust me Greg, the Administration has no desires to shut SI,

What if it was this presidents/administration desire to do just that, to shut down Sermon Index and a whole bunch of other christian web sites? How would you react to that? Would it cause you to reflect or change your opinion of the man or his administration?

Please know a few things before you answer:-) 1. I do not support any political party and I do not participate in government affairs. 2. I do not think Mr. Obama is any different than Mr. Bush, both are men and both are sinners that fall short. 3. And last my reason for asking this question, is because your post seemed a bit defensive, and it made me wonder why that was? Let me share with you about a very dear friend I have who voted for Bush, later she found herself feeling very disappointed because of some of his actions. This caused her to stumble in some ways because she had placed her hope in a man. Seems as Christians we can get caught up in placing our faith in men instead of in Jesus only? It just seems that sometimes we can be so sure about someone or something only to find out later that they are no different than anyone else, all of us are sinners and all of us need Jesus. Right:-)

with much care  
rdg

PS:-) I have added extra smiles so you will know I am asking this with a very loving heart:-) IF you feel uncomfortable answering that's OK to, I don't want to put you on the spot just maybe give you something to think on:-) As for me I am praying for MR. Obama and Mr. Bush, both men need Jesus:-)

**Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2009/8/31 12:29**

Hey Greg

I read this article and at first I was like they can not do that, but then I thought, so what if they do. I mean in all honesty as long as I have my Jesus then I have everything I need.

To me this is probably about power, and what I have come to see is that "anyone" who is in political positions usually wants two things, power and control. For me I am going to keep my focus on Jesus, He is the one who really is in charge anyway of the things that matter:-)

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**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/8/31 13:13**

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Neil, what makes you so certain that this is the case? It is though you have some inside information that others know nothing about.

I would guess if the Feds would want to shut down the internet all they would have to do is launch a nasty virus from several points on the web that will drive people crazy for a while. And they would need no legislation to accomplish this.

Now if you really want to get scared the feds could shut down all broadcasting media and take possession of the cell phones archive storage facilities. So back to the land-line phones, folks! Or, maybe, we have to resort to smoke signals.

Yup, lots of things out there that could potentially scare the wits out of folks. Methinks I will wait to deal with these problems when it happens. In the meantime, I will not fret, depend on the LORD for his sustenance and I think I will go finish mowing my yard.

ginnyrose

EDIT: During the week of August 17 I got an email warning folks the banks will take a 'bank holiday' the week of the 24th and some may not reopen. Since this is the case you better make sure you have plenty of cash on hand because you will not be able to access your bank account during this time.

I did some checking about this email. There was a ministry's name attached to it. So I googled it and found none at these cities (I used [www.anywho.com](http://www.anywho.com) as well). And the people that used this name were not any kind of 'prophets'. This email also used David Wilkerson's name in this message, making the reader feel like he would support the warnings.

Anyhow, it is now Aug. 31 and I never heard that banks took any 'holiday' last week. At least none did in our area.

So much for modern prophetic messages.

**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2009/8/31 18:39**

Ginny,

As of 8-28-09 **84** banks have closed in the USA. Many more are tottering on the brink and as of the middle of August the FDIC was bankrupt. This is like seeing the clouds building up in the sky, eh?

Neil, You state things as if they are set in stone. Are you privileged to knowledge non of the rest of the free world has seen? Have you seen the Birth Certificate? Have you seen any documentation on the man? I can truly say I do not believe he is qualified to sit in the Oval Office. You can not call me a liar unless you can prove me wrong.

I saw a piece in the news of a dog having it's 26th birthday. They are checking the dogs birthing certificate to make certain before they enter it in the Guinness Book of World Records. **Even a dog can produce his birth certificate. How hard is that?**

I won't even touch the anti-christ charge but the Muslim one is still open to proof. Too much smoke for me to not believe there is a fire somewhere. If my saying that offends you, why does it? Much worse has been said about President Bush and no one got offended like they are over this.

Your post touched off all my red flags. I think rainydaygirl replied very nicely. Perhaps I should stick a bunch of smilie faces after this, too? Nah, there are enough on this thread to last a little while.

It probably would do us all good to have the Internet shut down. I know I would get a lot more done. :-P

white stone

**Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2009/8/31 19:51**

Hello...

While I am not a fan of many of President Obama's policies, I don't think that there is really anything "sinister" behind this. I think that this is a defensive measure in case a massive cyber attack is carried out against the internet in America.

The internet has become a vital part of the US economic system. This "power" to turn it "off" is a lot like the power to shut down the skies on 9/11.

However, I do share concern about the sweeping, relatively undefined nature of this proposal. It isn't clear just what sort of "attack" would necessitate this sort of authority. However, I do agree that something needs to be done to prevent cyber terrorism.

Remember, when the terrorists hit the WTC in 1993 and 2001, they wanted to affect the ECONOMY of the United States. Ironically, they were somewhat successful (given the massive stock market loss in the weeks following the attack). An attack on the internet has the potential of stopping quite a bit of economic activity...as well as compromising the security of banks, military installations, and the national infrastructure.

However, I would certainly suggest that this bill contain SPECIFIC limits to its implementation.

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**well rainy day girl....., on: 2009/8/31 20:08**

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**Re: well rainy day girl..... - posted by ccchhrrriiss () , on: 2009/8/31 21:56**

Hi Neil...

I understand your frustration with stereotyping and/or people who try to speculate without fully understanding the issue.

However, I fear that you are painting a stereotype that might be just as incorrect as the one that you accuse the Limbaugh's and Hannity's of this world are painting.

I am a conservative and OFTEN vote Republican. I do not fit the typical stereotype of the far left either. I am young, mostly "white" (a "mutt" of 1/4 Jewish, 1/8 Cherokee along with a wide array of other genes), married to a Hispanic woman, highly educated, economically poor, living in a VERY liberal area and with a deep knowledge of the American political system (including people in the government). And, of course, my relationship with Christ Jesus is the most important thing in my life.

I don't follow any sort of agenda when I vote or consider policy. I am far too intelligent to be suckered in by the left OR the right. My allegiance, in fact, is neither to a party or a heritage. My allegiance is reserved for Christ. I almost find it humorous when people suggest that there is an ulterior motive behind my ideas about policy or the President.

I'm sure that there is some sentiments of racism in this nation today. However, it isn't the same sentiment that existed a few decades ago. It is not "vogue" to be a racists (either in the public or in a closet). Racism is a display of a poor intellect and, more importantly, a lack of knowing God.

That said: Most of the people that I know who are opposed to some of Obama's policies aren't motivated by race. Most of them are motivated by personal ideas about righteousness or unrighteousness.

In fact, my best friend and the best man at my wedding, an African American, is the most vocal critic of Obama that I know. He and his parents considered leaving their church because the pastor endorsed Obama and claimed that all of the rumors of Obama supporting abortion was a "lie." That pastor said that Obama is "*an anti-abortion, pro-traditional marriage, Christian who supports a continued Christian heritage in this nation.*" Even when my friend showed his pastor some of Obama's own words from his books and interviews that show a pro-abortion, pro-gay marriage, and gray stand on Christian ideals -- this pastor accounted it as a "conspiracy" to "*keep a good black man down.*" As the months went by, this pastor finally admitted that he "bought into the hype"...and failed to "seriously consider the product."

I don't think that anyone is saying that Obama is all bad. Democrats often indicate a willingness to spend our tax dollars in government programs to help the less fortunate. Many of those programs have been extremely helpful to quite a few people! As a proponent of "less federal government is the best federal government," I still acknowledge the benefits of such social welfare programs. However, I do have very deep questions about the extent and value of many programs...and the use of our tax dollars for immoral purposes (abortion, vulgar "art," etc...).

Anyway, I do think that we need to be very careful before laying an accusation at the man -- especially if it isn't based up on truth or fact. We need to be careful not to lay false or misleading accusations at him like many did to President Bush during his eight years in office. It would be a terrible thing to be guilty of bearing false witness against a man (either a positive or negative false witness). I think that we should be mindful that we will be judged for every word we speak.

I also might say that I don't think that the Republican party is in danger of becoming a "southern regional party" any more than the Democratic Party is in danger of becoming a "coastal urban party." Even in the San Francisco Bay Area (where I live), nearly one out of three people did NOT vote for Senator Obama in November. The approval ratings for President Obama in major national, scientific polls have been falling quite a bit since a high in March (hitting a low of 46% yesterday), and the approval ratings for the Democratic-controlled Congress recently hit a historic, all-time low.

Anyway, I didn't mean to meander into politics, so I hope that no one takes it that way. I would like to urge everyone to be very careful when they lay an accusation -- for or against -- concerning anyone.

Let me also make it clear: I do not hate President Obama. I pray for him every day. I also pray for this nation of my temporary citizenship. I also disagree with some very major policy decisions of President Obama which also happen to be written in the platform of the Democratic Party. This does not make me a "far white right neo-con." It is just a disagreement about the legislation of righteousness or unrighteousness. Of course, I also disagreed with some of policy decisions of President Bush too. And, of course, that didn't make me a "far white left socialist" either. It was just a disagreement on certain issues.

Lastly...and most importantly...I am a Christian. I follow Christ. He is the most important motivation in my life. He is the longing of my heart...and the greatest and most intense desire that I have ever known. My longing is to know Him...and to please Him...in everything that I do. This isn't confined to "churchy" issues. This longing to please Him follows me everywhere that I go and with everything that I do. It influences my decisions and opinions. It is a pure thing...and I always want more of Him and less of me to be seen in everything that I do. This includes my ideas about righteousness and unrighteousness as legislated by the government "of the people, by the people and for the people" in this country of my temporary citizenship. I am constantly aware that God follows me into the voting booth.

The Lord bless you and keep you, brother Neil. You are a good brother, and I love you dearly.

**Re: well rainy day girl..... - posted by Miccah (), on: 2009/9/1 0:04**

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Frogive me in advance.

What a pile of "junk". You are acting no better then what you despise. Check your attitude at the door my brother.

With brotherly love in rebuke.

**Re: Senate Bill Would Give President Emergency Control of Internet - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2009/9/1 0:32**

When I was getting ready to try my wings and leave the nest, I took a job in Spring at a feed & seed store. I asked the owner later, "is this job permanent?" He pulled the cigar out of his mouth, and said: "son, nothing in life is permanent."

Why did I need a heathen to tell me that? I had been a Christian and Bible student for several years. While we have grown accustomed to many blessings such as the internet and downloadable sermons, it would not be a bad idea for all of us to "stockpile" many of these blessed messages on our hard-drives and other forms of storage.

Because our technology and culture has advanced for SO MANY YEARS, we think that it will never hit a bump in the road, or surely never crash.

Proverbs 6:6 ¶ Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:  
7 ¶ Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,  
8 ¶ Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

Where did the Bible ever promise the USA that we would never have a winter time? Are we taking lessons from the ant? The ant isn't motivated by FEAR in her preparations. She knows that the winter will come and simply prepares for the loss of summertime comforts.

THANKS for the "heads up", Greg! The thought of preparing for the inaccessibility of Sermonindex hadn't really crossed my mind until now.

Does anyone know of any good website extractors that would make mass downloading of Sermonindex messages quick and easy?

**Christiaan , on: 2009/9/1 2:10**

isnt "christianity" fun?

yur response is picture perfect:

first the Godly

Quote:  
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(because what I'm about to say to you PERSONALLY is nasty and lazy, because I wont even spend the time refuting point by point, instead I'll just follow the "forgive me in advance with;)

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I take the time to communicate, and I was winging it because I had a flight, and all you can contribute is

"What a pile of "junk"."

Christiaan, I do forgive you, I forgive you for being an idiot, because somebody smart that disagreed with me would at least had the love to disagree point by point, dont you think?...and if somebody smart didnt have the time to refute, he would have at least just the intellectual courage to stay his keyboard, but you couldnt do that, so yes I do forgive you.

and forgive me for saying this, but you are way off base by saying I have an "attitude"...no sir, I have an opinion, backed by a whole lot of history and I will voice that opinion anytime anywhere, I dont care who disagrees with me, I only care th

at they take the time and have the intellectual weight, and maybe they can convince me of my prior errors, because I have no fear of changing my mind if proven wrong, but "what a pile of junk" doesn't fit that model, nor does "With brotherly love in rebuke" move my heart to sweet affections, but moves my hand to my nose with the stink of religious palaver.

I don't mean to be harsh, I REALLY DON'T, I'm just trying to be real with you. If you want to match wits, have a discussion, I'm very easy and loving. If you want to jab and snipe, not so much.

**Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2009/9/1 8:02**

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My answer was in the Frequently Asked Questions:

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Answer. If when downloading sermons they seem to be cut off and not fully downloaded we recommend you use a file download manager to ensure the full download of the materials. We have found this download manager to work best: (<http://www.freedownloadmanager.org/>) freedownloadmanager.org .  
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I'm trying to get back to the original theme of this thread which involves the fact that all good things (under the sun) can come to an end . . . including our use of the internet as a tool for God's glory.

Preparation for such a situation is not a bad idea.

**Re: Christiian , on: 2009/9/1 9:43**

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No problem, your forgiven. Sometimes I can be an idiot. :-) A lot of the times I speak from the heart and that can get others mad at me when I do.

As for matching wits, I refuse to do so. Not under the guise of not wanting to be shown up, but because when I became a believer, The Lord laid it upon my heart to repent of my wit. I used to use my wit as a tool to belittle others, and I was



good at it. I have had to bite my tongue a bunch of times in life and on these forums.

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Neil. I love you bro. Deal with it. :-)

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Dear Miccah,

The thing you repented of is also a tool in the Lord's hands. There is no way to 'point for point' refute Neil's post. I tried and failed miserably because the points went straight to my bones. That alone should have told me to run away from this thread but here I am.

Everything in me cries out that it is all wrong, what Neil says. At least the 'way' he says it and turns it. The truth I love is not in his words. It breaks my heart to hear what he believes because it clearly shows the bitterness in his heart. I long for just the right phrase to post that will open his eyes, not that I might be the one to do it and get any credit but that he will see what is true for the joy of it.

I guess I will end this with the obligatory :-)

white stone

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and I love you too...AND...God willing I'm heading back to Wisconsin!!! the driftless region, the southwest. I cant wait.