Human Resources Legislative Update

Bill C-28 Passes Third Reading

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On November 23, 2010, <u>Bill C-28</u> passed Third Reading in the House of Commons. It was indicated in the speeches at Third Reading that the short title of the Bill will be the *Electronic Commerce Protection Act* (formerly the *Fighting Internet and Wireless Spam Act*).

As previously reported, the Bill would enact comprehensive anti-SPAM legislation. For example, it would prohibit the sending of commercial e-mails without prior consent of the recipient and provide a regulatory framework governing the sending of such messages. It would specifically amend PIPEDA to prohibit the collection of personal information by means of unauthorized access to computer systems, and the unauthorized compiling of lists of electronic addresses. A discussion of Bill C-28 can be found in our <u>FTR Now</u> of June 9, 2010.

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