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1. The Patent Reform Act, now renamed America Invents Act, is scheduled for debate this week in the House of Representatives. The version that passed the Senate puts consulting engineers at a disadvantage in protecting their intellectual property against predatory acts by corporations with deep pockets. You can weigh in with your own view, at the IEEE-USA Legislative Action Center. <https://www.capitolconnect.com/ieee/ssl/takeaction.aspx>

2. The Committee on Transportation and Aerospace Policy has submitted a position statement for approval to the Government Relations Council, "Upgrading the National Airspace System (NAS)". Another statement now in draft form is "Near-Earth Objects," dealing with safeguards against space junk.

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