

## **Computer Crimes Act Issues**

### **I. Considerations**

#### **A. Definitions**

Broad definition, specific crime  
Narrow definition, more general crime

#### **B. Intent v. Action**

The more general the action, the more specific the intent  
The higher the penalty, the more specific action and intent need to be

#### **C. Cost Benefit Analysis**

The more difficult it is to detect/prosecute, the higher the penalty

### **II. Task Force Issues**

#### **A. Completeness of the Act**

Procedural Issues  
Placement of Code Sections

#### **B. Penalties**

Consistency  
Adequacy

### **III. Potential Approaches**

**A.** Define the property and limit to certain crimes

**B.** Using a computer to (list specific statutes here) is a crime  
Combine all provisions (pornography, property, person, etc.) with each violation being a separate crime  
Separate penalties based on property value, injury to person, etc.

### **IV. Computer Contaminant Proposal**

Limited to use of computer contaminant

### **V. Computer Invasion Proposal**

Change the word trespass - different concept

### **VI. Other Issues**

Misdemeanor Spam – Crime versus minor irritant  
Definitions  
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