

The Spooner Rule

Nobody asked but ...

I don't know enough about net neutrality to comment, therefore I will not address the thing itself (I wish others would make the same determination). I have devised instead the Spooner Rule. Lysander Spooner wrote, about the U. S. Constitution —

But whether the Constitution really be one thing, or another, this much is certain - that it has either authorized such a government as we have had, or has been powerless to prevent it. In either case it is unfit to exist.

This is true not just of the Constitution but of all devices of man. So we may ask the question of Net Neutrality — has it brought about the situation we have or has it been powerless to prevent it, and is it fit to exist in either case?

I could write on for pages without end about the present state of the 'Net, and its so-called neutrality. But I would start by saying I am throttled for half of every metering period because I have to get the Internet by satellite in my rural getaway, and the current net neutrality rules are blamed, for the throttling, by my ISP.

And you're welcome for the expanded formulation of the Spooner Rule.

— Kilgore Forelle