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Week in Review

This week both Washington and the workplace paid close attention to technology. Congress plans to approve a bill that will auction public airwaves in order to help cover the payroll tax cut extension. The Federal Trade Commission called for better privacy notices for apps directed at kids. App developers came under scrutiny by members of Congress after reports that many developers were gathering information from phone address books without the owner's knowledge. And workplaces are realizing how mobile technology saves both time and money.

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