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# LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

## I. No Electronic Theft (NET) Act

### House Actions

- Jul. 25, 1997:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- Aug. 5, 1997:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property.
- Sep. 11, 1997:** Subcommittee Hearings held.
- Sep. 30, 1997:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session held.
- Sep. 30, 1997:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- Oct. 7, 1997:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session held.
- Oct. 7, 1997:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by voice vote.
- Oct. 23, 1997:** Reported to House (Amended) by House Committee on the Judiciary. H. Rep. No. 105-339.
- Oct. 23, 1997:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 198.
- Nov. 4, 1997:** Called up by House under suspension of the rules. Considered by House as unfinished business. Passed House (Amended) by voice vote.

### Senate Actions

- Nov. 5, 1997:** Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- Nov. 13, 1997:** Passed Senate without amendment by unanimous consent.
- Nov. 14, 1997:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.

### Executive Actions

- Nov. 13, 1997:** Cleared for White House.
- Dec. 5, 1997:** Presented to President.

**Dec. 16, 1997:** Signed by President. Became Public Law No: 105-147.

## **II. Sonny Bono Copyright Extension Act**

### **Senate Actions**

- Mar. 20, 1997:** S. 505 read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- Mar. 26, 1998:** H.R. 2589 received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
- Oct. 7, 1998:** S. 505 discharged by Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Measure laid before the Senate by unanimous consent. Amendment SP 3782 proposed by Senator Lott for Senator Hatch agreed to in Senate by unanimous consent. Passed Senate with an amendment by unanimous consent. Message on Senate action sent to the House.

### **House Actions**

- Oct. 1, 1997:** H.R. 2589 referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- Mar. 3, 1998:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session held on H.R. 2589.
- Mar. 4, 1998:** H.R. 2589 ordered to be Reported (Amended) by voice vote.
- Mar. 18, 1998:** H.R. 2589 reported to House (Amended) by House Committee on Judiciary. H. Rep. No.105-452.
- Mar. 18, 1998:** H.R. 2589 placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 258.
- Mar. 24, 1998:** H.R. 2589 reported to House.
- Mar. 25, 1998:** H.R. 2589 Amendments: HA 531 Amendment offered by Representative Coble, and agreed to by voice vote; HA 533 Amendment Offered by Representative McCollum, and failed by recorded vote: 150 - 259; HA 532 Amendment Offered by Representative Sensenbrenner, and agreed to by recorded vote: 297 - 112. Rule H. Res. 390 passed House. Called up by House under the provisions of rule H. Res. 390. The House

adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the whole House on the state of the Union. H.R. 2589 passed House (Amended) by voice vote.

**Oct. 7, 1998:** S. 505 called up by House under suspension of the rules and passed by voice vote.

#### **Executive Actions**

**Oct. 7, 1998:** Cleared for White House.

**Oct. 15, 1998:** Presented to President.

**Oct. 27, 1998:** Signed by President. Became Public Law No: 105-298.

### **III. Digital Millennium Copyright Act**

#### **House Actions**

**July 29, 1997:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**Aug. 7, 1997:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property.

**Sep. 16, 1997:** Subcommittee hearings held.

**Apr. 1, 1998:** Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

**Apr. 1, 1998:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by voice vote.

**May 22, 1998:** Reported to House (Amended) by House Committee on 105-551, Part I.

**May 22, 1998:** Referred jointly and sequentially to the House Committee on Commerce.

**Jun. 5, 1998:** Subcommittee hearings held.

**Jun. 17, 1998:** Subcommittee consideration and mark-up session held.

**Jul. 17, 1998:** Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

**Jul. 17, 1998:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Yeas- Nay vote: 41 - 0.

**Jul. 22, 1998:** Reported to House (Amended) by House Committee on Commerce. H.Rep No. 105-551,Part II.

- May 22, 1998:** Referred jointly and sequentially to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- Jul. 22, 1998:** House Committee on Ways and Means discharged. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 362.
- Aug. 4, 1998:** Called up by the House under suspension of the rules. Passed House (Amended) by voice vote.

#### **Senate Actions**

- Apr. 30, 1998:** S. 2037 ordered to be reported by the Committee on Judiciary.
- May 6, 1998:** S. 2037 reported to Senate by Senator Hatch without a report, and is placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 358.
- May 11, 1998:** By Senator Hatch from Committee on Judiciary filed written report on S. 2037. Report No. 105-190. Additional views filed.
- May 14, 1998:** S. 2037 laid before Senate by unanimous consent. Amendment SP 2411 proposed by Senator Hatch, and agreed to in Senate by voice vote. Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay vote. 99-0.
- Sep. 17, 1998:** Senate incorporated S. 2037 in H.R. 2281 as an amendment. Senate passed companion measure H.R. 2281 in lieu of this measure by unanimous consent. Senate vitiated previous passage. Indefinitely postponed by Senate by unanimous consent.
- Aug. 31, 1998:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 535.
- Sep. 17, 1998:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S. 2037 amended. Passed Senate in lieu of S. 2037 with an amendment by unanimous consent.
- Sep. 18, 1998:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.

**Oct. 8, 1998:** Conference papers: Senate report and managers' statement official papers held at the desk in Senate. Message on Senate action sent to the House.

#### **Conference Actions**

**Sep. 17, 1998:** Senate insists on its amendment asks for a conference and appoints as conferees Sens. Hatch; Thurmond and Leahy.

**Sep. 23, 1998:** On motion that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference Agreed to without objection. The Speaker appoints as conferees Reps. Hyde, Coble, Goodlatte, Conyers, Berman Bliley, Tauzin, and Dingell..

**Sep. 24, 1998:** Conference held.

**Oct. 8, 1998:** Conference report H. Rep No. 105-796 filed in House. Senate agreed to conference report by unanimous consent. Conferees agreed to file conference report.

**Oct. 12, 1998:** House agreed to conference report by voice vote.

#### **Executive Actions**

**Oct. 12, 1998:** Cleared for White House.

**Oct. 20, 1998:** Presented to President.

**Oct. 28, 1998:** Signed by President. Became Public Law No: 105-304.

