

# H. R. 14140

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 1969

Mr. Poff introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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### A BILL

To amend section 6 of title 35, United States Code, "Patents," to authorize domestic and international studies and programs relating to patents and trademarks.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That section 6 of title 35, United States Code, is amended  
4       to read as follows:

5       **"§ 6. Duties of Commissioner**

6       (a) The Commissioner, under the direction of the  
7       Secretary of Commerce, shall superintend or perform all  
8       duties required by law respecting the granting and issuing  
9       of patents and the registration of trademarks; shall have  
10      the authority to carry on studies and programs regarding

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FINAL ACTION

1 domestic and international patent and trademark law; and  
2 shall have charge of property belonging to the Patent Office.  
3 He may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Com-  
4 merce, establish regulations, not inconsistent with law, for  
5 the conduct of proceedings in the Patent Office.

6 (b) The Commissioner, under the direction of the Sec-  
7 retary of Commerce, may, in coordination with the Depart-  
8 ment of State, carry on programs and studies cooperatively  
9 with foreign patent offices and international intergovern-  
10 mental organizations, or may authorize such programs and  
11 studies to be carried on, in connection with the performance  
12 of duties stated in subsection (a) of this section.

13 (c) The Commissioner, under the direction of the Sec-  
14 retary of Commerce, may, with the concurrence of the Sec-  
15 retary of State, transfer funds appropriated to the Patent  
16 Office, not to exceed \$50,000 in any year, to the Department  
17 of State for the purpose of making special payments to inter-  
18 national intergovernmental organizations for studies and pro-  
19 grams for advancing international cooperation concerning  
20 patents, trade-marks and related matters. These special pay-  
21 ments may be in addition to any other payments or contri-  
22 butions to the international organization and shall not be  
23 subject to any limitations imposed by law on the amounts  
24 of such other payments or contributions by the Government  
25 of the United States.

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