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H. R. 14221

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 1969

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

A BILL

To amend section 6 of title 35, United States Code, "Patents,"
to authorized 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 to
4 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 the
10 authority to carry on studies and programs regarding domes-

1 tic and international patent and trademark law; and shall
2 have charge of property belonging to the Patent Office. He
3 may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce,
4 establish regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the con-
5 duct 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 intergovernmen-
10 tal organizations, or may authorize such programs and studies
11 to be carried on, in connection with the performance of du-
12 ties 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 Secre-
15 tary of State, transfer funds appropriated to the Patent Office,
16 not to exceed \$50,000 in any year, to the Department of
17 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, trademarks, 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 of
24 such other payments or contributions by the Government of
25 the United States.”

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