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Empowers Patent and Trademark Office to revise patent fees and establishes procedures to enable any party to request reexamination of a patent for validity. Also establishes uniform Government policy regarding patent rights to inventions resulting from federally supported R&D.

Includes provisions redefining limitations on owners of copies of copyrighted computer programs.

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