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Re: Proposed Patent Re-examination Legislation

Enclosed is a copy of Senate Bill S. 1679 relating to re-examination of issued patents and some related material. The same bill has been introduced in the House as H.R. 5075.

We have been asked by Don McGaughey to advise the MPLA Board of Directors whether the association should take a position with regard to this legislation and, if so, what that position should be. Any support or opposition to these bills will be indicated to the two Wisconsin Senators and Congressman Kastenmeyer who is Chairman of the House Committee which will be considering this legislation.

We have tentatively scheduled a committee meeting for Wednesday, October 10, 1979 at 4:30 p.m. in the Allis Chalmers Patent Department. If you will be unable to attend, please let me have your thoughts prior to that time so that we can fully consider your views.

Very truly yours,

Fred Wiviott

cc: Donald C. McGaughey w/o encl.

Robert B. Benson w/o encl.