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It has just come to my attention that Senator Lowell Weicker, perhaps with Senator Mathias as a co-sponsor, is going to introduce a new fee bill in the Senate which will set fees by statute and give the universities, small businesses and independent inventors the benefit of a 50% reduction in those fixed fees.

The projection for the fees is the same as in the past schedule, namely, \$300 filing fee, \$500 issue fee, maintenance fees of \$400 at $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, \$800 at 7 years, and \$1200 at $11\frac{1}{2}$ years. These are the base fees which will apply to large business. The university fees will be half of those figures.

The Senate Judiciary Committee will have jurisdiction and, at the appropriate time, after the bill has been introduced I would suggest writing to Senator Weicker applauding his efforts and asking the members of the Judiciary Committee to support the bill.

Very truly yours,

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