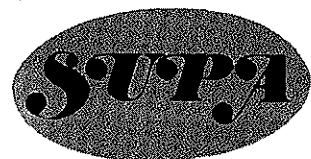


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As many of you are probably aware, legislation covering research on recombinant DNA has been under intensive consideration in both Houses of Congress. The pertinent committees etc are as follows:

Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare
Subcommittee on Health
Senator Edward M. Kennedy S1217

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Although earlier versions of the above bills incorporated patent provisions, these have now been removed. However, both bills now, ^{the} subject to the Freedom of Information Act ^{make} contain information on research protocols, hypotheses etc, which are required in order to obtain a license. I have been in close touch with Norm Latker on these developments, and it appears that the only way improvements with regard to disclosure can be obtained is if there is pressure on key members of Congress. You should be aware that there are many more universities involved in DNA research than there are industries (I can find only 3 industrial concerns involved).

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Enclosed as background are some notes of Norm Latker's that are not in any sense official but may be helpful.

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