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Re: Schmitt/Stevenson S. 1215, 96th Congress

Gentlemen:

By coincidence the Board of Managers of the American Patent Law Association had a meeting May 25, immediately after the May 22 introduction of S. 1215. It would be an overstatement to imply that the members of the Board have had a chance properly to study the entire bill. On the other hand, they had theretofore been studying comparable subject matter in the Bayh bill and were in a unique position for instant appreciation of the values in S. 1215.

Feeling that you might be interested in the views of the APLA Board promptly, the Board considered and unanimously adopted the following resolution:

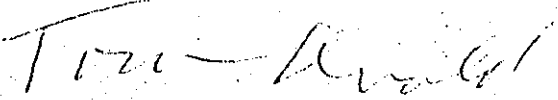
RESOLVED: The American Patent Law Association approves the general intent and principal objective of the Schmitt/Stevenson Bill, S. 1215, 96th Congress of May 22, 1979, to use the patent system to promote commercialization of inventions resulting from work sponsored by the government. APLA believes that the fundamental principle of the Schmitt/Stevenson Bill of retention by government contractors of

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principal rights to patents based on government-sponsored research (except where exceptional government needs must govern) should be uniformly applied to all government contractors. APLA therefor endorses and supports enactment of the Schmitt/Stevenson Bill.

Please let me know if there is anything that APLA can do by way of helping your advocacy of this bill.

Yours truly,



Tom Arnold

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