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1ST SESSION

H. R. 5238

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 1971

Mr. KASTENMEIER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend section 6 of title 35, United States Code, "Patents," to
authorize domestic and international studies and programs
relating to patents and trademarks.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That section 6 of title 35, United States Code, is amended to

4 read as follows:

5 **"§ 6. Duties of Commissioner**

6 " (a) The Commissioner, under the direction of the Sec-

7 retary of Commerce, shall superintend or perform all duties

8 required by law respecting the granting and issuing of patents

9 and the registration of trademarks: shall have the authority

10 to carry on studies and programs regarding domestic and

1 international patent and trademark law; and shall have
2 charge of property belonging to the Patent Office. He may,
3 subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, estab-
4 lish regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the conduct of
5 proceedings in the Patent Office.

6 “(b) The Commissioner, under the direction of the
7 Secretary of Commerce, may, in coordination with the
8 Department of State, carry on programs and studies co-
9 operatively with foreign patent offices and international
10 intergovernmental organizations, or may authorize such pro-
11 grams and studies to be carried on, in connection with the
12 performance of duties stated in subsection (a) of this section.

13 “(c) The Commissioner, under the direction of the
14 Secretary of Commerce, may, with the concurrence of the
15 Secretary of State, transfer funds appropriated to the Patent
16 Office, not to exceed \$100,000 in any year, to the Depart-
17 ment of State for the purpose of making special payments
18 to international intergovernmental organizations for studies
19 and programs for advancing international cooperation con-
20 cerning patents, trademarks, and related matters. These spe-
21 cial payments may be in addition to any other payments
22 or contributions to the international organization and shall
23 not be subject to any limitations imposed by law on the
24 amounts of such other payments or contributions by the
25 Government of the United States.”