The "University and Small Business Patent Procedures Act" (commonly known as Bayh-Dole) was first introduced late in the 95th Congress. We allowed Senator Dole to introduce the first version with the agreement that when re-introduced in the 96th Congress, Senator Bayh would be the main sponsor.

Since Democrats controlled Congress at the time, the majority party member takes the lead on moving legislation through the process.

Here are some documents associated with the bill's first introduction in September, 1978.

We kicked off our efforts with a press conference on Sept. 13, 1978 before officially introducing the bill. You will find enclosed the statement I wrote for Sen. Bayh along with his speaking notes.

The notes on the draft bill are mine. This is the initial draft as prepared by the Senate Legislative Counsel.