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Dear Clark,

The two new bills (S 1657 and HR 4564) introduced into the Senate and the House by Schmitt and Ertel could have disturbing effects on research funds available to universities.

As I understand it, the bills call for revoking the previous bill (PL 96-517) and setting up a new one. This would set us back at least a year if not longer. Further, the bill provides further incentive to industries to apply for research funding. Industries compete very well as it is for limited research funds without this added incentive. I believe more industry will be enticed into applying for funds from many agencies if patent rights are extended to them.

It may not be possible to lobby successfully against these new bills, but we should certainly try to have the existing bill amended rather than revoked. Do you know if one of the University organizations is taking an active role?

On a SUPA note, have you sent out letters appointing committee members? I'd like to get the Nominating Committee started on the process. Perhaps I'll see you at NCURA or COGR.

Cordially,

Martin Rachmeler

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cc: Howard Bremer