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FEES PAYABLE TO PATENT OFFICE

Mr. McCLELLAN. Mr. President, as chairman of the Subcommittee on Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights of the Committee on the Judiciary, and by request of the Secretary of Commerce, I introduce for appropriate reference, a bill to fix the fees payable to the Patent Office, and for other purposes.

No significant change in patent fees has occurred since 1932. At that time the fees collected made the Patent Office a substantially self-supporting activity. Costs have since risen so that in fiscal 1964 only 30 percent of costs were recovered by fees. The legislation proposed would, when fully effective, achieve a recovery of approximately 75 percent of costs.

The Subcommittee on Patents conducted hearings on patent fee legislation during the 87th and 88th Congresses. The bill drafted by the administration incorporates some of the suggestions made at these hearings. I anticipate that the previous hearings of the subcommittee can and will be adopted as part of the record of this revised bill.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The bill will be received and appropriately referred.

The bill (S. 730) to fix the fees payable to the Patent Office, and for other purposes, introduced by Mr. McCLELLAN, was received, read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.