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ACTION: passed

EXTENSION OF DESIGN PATENT OF INSIGNIA OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED AMERICAN VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.

The bill (H.R. 7888) providing for the extension of patent numbered D-119,187 was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I as unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD an excerpt from the report (No. 815), explaining the purposes of the bill.

There being no objection, the excerpt was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 7888 is to renew an expired design patent, No. D-119,187, constituting the insignia of the Massachusetts Department of the United American Veterans of the United States of America, Inc., for a period of 14 years.

STATEMENT

The subject design patent was issued on February 27, 1940, for a term of 14 years. Accordingly, the patent expired on February 27, 1954. Bills to accomplish the same objective as H.R. 7888 were introduced in the 83d, 84th, and 86th Congresses, but no action was taken on them.

Section (b) of H.R. 7888 provides that no person who has manufactured the design of the patent between its expiration on February 27, 1954, and the date of enactment of the bill, shall be liable for infringement for reason of the continued manufacture and sale thereof.

CONCLUSION

The Congress has frequently enacted legislation extending the terms of design patents covering the insignia of various military, fraternal, and patriotic organizations.

On H.R. 9833 of the 88th Congress (Public Law 88-937), an act granting a renewal of patent No. D-162,975, relating to a medal of the American Legion, the Department of Commerce commented favorably on the extension of a design patent for the American Legion. This report of the Department is identical to other reports furnished by the Department on similar legislation.