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Daughters of the Confederacy: House passed S. 810, granting an extension of patent to the United Daughters of the Confederacy; clearing the measure for the President. Pages H11804-H11805

GRANTING EXTENSION OF PATENT TO UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

Mr. KASTENMEIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the Senate bill (S. 810) granting an extension of patent to the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, will the gentleman explain this bill?

Mr. KASTENMEIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield for a brief explanation, the purpose of S. 810 is to extend and renew design patent No. 29611, the insignia of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, for a period of 14 years from the date of enactment of the legislation.

The design patent for the emblem of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was originally issued on November 8, 1898. It was subsequently renewed and extended in 1926, 1941, and 1963. The most recent extension will expire on December 18 of this year.

Although the Department of Commerce generally opposes the extension of patents, it has long excepted the extension of design patents for emblems of religious, patriotic, and fraternal organizations from this policy.

S. 810 passed the Senate on May 13, 1977. It was reported by unanimous voice vote by the Committee on the Judiciary on October 12.

The Congressional Budget Office informs us that the bill will result in no cost to the taxpayer.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to my colleague, the gentleman from Illinois, a member of the committee.

Mr. RAILSBACK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I would simply like to say that this is a bill that was handled by the gentleman from South Carolina, Congressman JIM MANN. I think it has been correctly characterized as a bill that would extend and renew the design patent No. 29611, the insignia of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, for a period of 14 years from the date of enactment of the legislation. It was handled in the other body by the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND).

I do not know of any opposition to the bill.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the explanation of my two colleagues.

I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 810

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a certain design patent issued by the United States Patent Office of date November 8, 1898, being patent numbered 29,611, which is the insignia of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which was renewed and extended for a period of fourteen years by Public Law Numbered 213, Eighty-eighth Congress, approved December 18, 1963, is hereby renewed and extended for an additional period of fourteen years from and after the date of enactment of this Act, with all the rights and privileges pertaining to the same, being generally known as the insignia of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.