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SPEECH OF

HON. ANDY IRELAND

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 1982

● Mr. IRELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6260. This bill which authorizes appropriation for the Patent and Trademark Office in the Department of Commerce is a very responsible approach to the costs of processing patents and trademarks considering our present budgetary contraints.

On behalf of the Nation's small business community I would like to thank the distinguished chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of Justice, Representative ROBERT KASTENMEIER and the members of his subcommittee. The bill stipulates that appropriated funds should be used to reduce by 50 percent the fees paid by independent inventors, nonprofit organizations, and small businesses.

I am pleased to see that the subcommittee recognized the great accomplishments of small business in the field of innovation. Small business has accounted for more than half of all scientific and technological development since the beginning of this century. From safety razors with disposable blades to ice cream cones to zippers to bifocals to artificial heart valves to sliced breads—small business invented them.

It is very gratifying to those of us who serve on the Small Business Committee when we see other committees of the Congress becoming sensitive to the plight of small business. America needs its creative entrepreneurs. As I have often said, if America will save small business, small business will save America.●