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ACTION: PASSED

COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST PATENT AND FIRST COPYRIGHT LAWS

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service be discharged from further consideration of the Senate joint resolution (S.J. Res. 169) to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the first patent and the first copyright laws, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. HANSEN. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I do not object, but simply would like to inform the House that the minority has no objection to the legislation now being considered.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate joint resolution, as follows:

S.J. RES. 169

Whereas the Constitution empowers Congress "To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries";

Whereas the enforcement of this constitutional principle through specific patent and copyright laws merits special recognition;

Whereas the first patent bill signed into law on April 10, 1790, and the first copyright bill was signed into law on May 31, 1790, and we will recognize the bicentennial anniversary of these laws in 1990: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That special recognition be given during 1990, the bicentennial year of the first patent and the first copyright laws, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation upon the enactment of this joint resolution calling upon the people of the United States to foster such recognition through appropriate educational and cultural programs and activities.

The Senate joint resolution 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.