103D CONGRESS
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H. R. 2632

To authorize appropriations for the Patent and Trademark Office in the Department of Commerce for fiscal year 1994.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 1993

Mr. HUGHES (for himself and Mr. MOORHEAD) (both by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

To authorize appropriations for the Patent and Trademark Office in the Department of Commerce for fiscal year 1994.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Patent and Trademark Office Authorization Act of 1993".

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Patent and Trademark Office for salaries and necessary expenses

$103,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, to be derived from deposits in the Patent and Trademark Office Fee Surcharge Fund established under section 10101 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–508), as amended by the Patent and Trademark Office Authorization Act of 1991 (Public Law 102–204).

(b) REVENUES.—There are also authorized to be available, to the extent provided in advance in appropriation Acts, the revenues collected during fiscal year 1994 from fees under title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 (15 U.S.C. 1051 and following).

SEC. 3. AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED TO BE CARRIED OVER.

Amounts appropriated or made available pursuant to this Act shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 4. ADJUSTMENT OF TRADEMARK FEES.

Notwithstanding the second sentence of section 31(a) of the Trademark Act of 1946 (15 U.S.C. 1113(a)), the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is authorized in fiscal year 1994 to adjust the fee for filing a trademark application without regard to fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index during the preceding twelve months.

SEC. 5. USE OF EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING RESOURCES PROHIBITED.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks may not, during fiscal year 1994, enter into any agreement for the exchange of items or services (as authorized under section 6(a) of title 35, United States Code) related to automatic data processing resources (including hardware, software and related services, and machine readable data). The preceding sentence shall not apply to an agreement made in full compliance with all Federal procurement regulations or to an agreement relating to data for automation programs which is entered into with a foreign government or with an international intergovernmental organization.

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