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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 18), 1985

Mr. MATHIAS (for himself and Mr. THURMOND) (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there are authorized to be appropriated for the payment of salaries and necessary expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office to become available for fiscal year 1986, $84,739,000, and in fiscal years 1987 and 1988 such sums as may be necessary as well as such additional or supplemental amounts as may be necessary, for increases in salary, pay, retirement, or other employee benefits authorized by law. Funds available under this Act shall be used to reduce by 50

per centum the payment of fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of title 35, United States Code, by independent inventors and nonprofit organizations as defined in regulations established by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and by small business concerns as defined in section 3 of the Small Business Act and any subsequent legislation amending that section or transferring responsibilities under that section and by regulations established by the Small Business Administration or its successor. When so specified and to the extent provided in an appropriation Act, any amount appropriated pursuant to this Act and, in addition, such fees as shall be collected pursuant to title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946, as amended (15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.), may remain available without fiscal year limitation.

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