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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1886

To amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for appeals by third parties in certain patent reexamination proceedings.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2001

Mr. COBLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. APPEALS IN INTER PARTES REEXAMINATION**  
4 **PROCEEDINGS.**

5 (a) APPEALS BY THIRD-PARTY REQUESTER IN PRO-  
6 CEEDINGS.—Section 315(b) of title 35, United States  
7 Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 “(b) THIRD-PARTY REQUESTER.—A third-party  
9 requester—

1           “(1) may appeal under the provisions of section  
2           134, and may appeal under the provisions of sec-  
3           tions 141 through 144, with respect to any final de-  
4           cision favorable to the patentability of any original  
5           or proposed amended or new claim of the patent;  
6           and

7           “(2) may, subject to subsection (c), be a party  
8           to any appeal taken by the patent owner under the  
9           provisions of section 134 or sections 141 through  
10          144.”.

11          (b) APPEAL TO BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND  
12 INTERFERENCES.—Section 134(c) of title 35, United  
13 States Code, is amended by striking the last sentence.

14          (c) APPEAL TO COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FED-  
15 ERAL CIRCUIT.—Section 141 of title 35, United States  
16 Code, is amended in the third sentence by inserting “, or  
17 a third-party requester in an inter partes reexamination  
18 proceeding, who is” after “patent owner”.

19 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20          The amendments made by this Act apply with respect  
21 to any reexamination proceeding commenced on or after  
22 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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