

Credit Administration, transmitting pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1994 to March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1241. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1242. A communication from the Inspector General of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's audit report register; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1243. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-81, enacted by the Council on June 28, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1244. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-82, enacted by the Council on June 28, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1245. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-83, enacted by the Council on June 28, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1246. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-85, enacted by the Council on July 6, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1247. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-88, enacted by the Council on July 6, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1248. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-89, enacted by the Council on June 6, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1249. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-90, enacted by the Council on July 6, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1250. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-91, enacted by the Council on July 6, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1251. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-92, enacted by the Council on July 10, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1252. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-93, enacted by the Council on July 10, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1253. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-94, enacted by the Council on July 13, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1254. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 1993 Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1255. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of the Agency Fund of the Office of the People's Counsel for Fiscal Year 1994"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1256. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of the Award and Administration of Parking Ticket Processing and Delinquent Ticket Collection Service Contracts"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1257. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1258. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an audit of the Department's Private Counsel Debt Collection Program; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1259. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to reports issued or released by the Justice Department in May of 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1260. A communication from the Deputy and Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Resolution Trust Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual management report for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1261. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1262. A communication from the Director of the National Science Foundation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 to include the National Science Foundation; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1263. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the disposal of Federal records for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1264. A communication from the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1994 "Report for the President"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1265. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to reduce delinquencies and to improve debt-collection activities government-wide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1266. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1994 management reports of the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks and the Financing Corporation; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

S. 1069. A bill for the relief of certain persons in Clark County, Nevada, who purchased land in good faith reliance on certain private land surveys, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1070. A bill to amend chapter 30 of title 35, United States Code, to afford third parties an opportunity for greater participation in reexamination proceedings before the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1071. A bill to eliminate the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, to establish a National Endowment for Arts, Humanities, and Museum Services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 1072. A bill to redefine "extortion" for purposes of the Hobbs Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1070. A bill to amend chapter 30 of title 35, United States Code, to afford third parties an opportunity for greater participation in reexamination proceedings before the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### THE PATENT REEXAMINATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce today the Patent Reexamination Reform Act of 1995. This legislation will significantly improve the patent reexamination process, making it an inexpensive and expeditious alternative to patent validity litigation. More importantly, this legislation will not unreasonably increase the cost, complexity, or duration of a reexamination proceeding, nor will it impose an unreasonable burden on the Patent and Trademark Office, who must ultimately process and reexamine the patents. Individual inventors and small businesses alike will benefit from this legislation because costly and time consuming litigation can now be avoided through the use of a more fair reexamination process.

There are five key elements of this proposed legislation. First, the legislation would simplify and shorten procedures governing initiation or reexamination proceedings. Second, the legislation would significantly increase the opportunity for a third party requester to meaningfully participate in a reexamination proceeding. Third, it would broaden the basis and scope of reexamination proceedings before the Patent and Trademark Office. Fourth, it would prevent the multiple requests for patent reexamination. Finally, it would provide a third party requester a right to appeal any decisions of the Patent and Trademark Office to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

The patent reexamination process was originally designed to provide a low-cost administrative procedure to

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#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BRYAN (for himself and Mr. REID):