

saying: Did we not used to invent everything? Did not that give America the leverage we needed? Why is it that our standard of living was going down when it was always going up before?

Changing these laws will have dramatic consequences. We cannot expect this Congress just to come to this decision on its own because the lobbyists will be pushing in the wrong direction. The American people must—their voice must be heard. H.R. 400, the Steal American Technologies Act, must be eliminated, it must be defeated, and the Patent Term Restoration Act, my bill, Congressman ROHRABACHER's bill, should pass, and if we do, we can sit and have faith in the future again because we can sit back and know we did our part to ensure that the legal structure which served our country so well for 200 years was maintained and that when there was a brutal attack on that legal structure, we stepped forward to beat back the assault and to protect future generations from loss.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sponsoring my piece of legislation, the Patent Term Restoration Act, and to defeat H.R. 400, the Steal American Technologies Act.

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE JAPANESE PATENT OFFICE AND THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Actions to be taken by Japan:

1. By July 1, 1995, the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) will permit foreign nationals to file patent applications in the English language, with a translation into Japanese to follow within two months.

2. Prior to the grant of a patent, the JPO will permit the correction of translation errors up to the time allowed for the reply to the first substantive communication from the JPO.

3. After the grant of a patent, the JPO will permit the correction of translation errors to the extent that the correction does not substantially extend the scope of protection.

4. Appropriate fees may be charged by the JPO for the above procedures.

Actions to be taken by the U.S.:

1. By June 1, 1994, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will introduce legislation to amend U.S. patent law to change the term of patents from 17 years from the date of grant of a patent for an invention to 20 years from the date of filing of the first complete application.

2. The legislation that the USPTO will introduce shall take effect six months from the date of enactment and shall apply to all applications filed in the United States thereafter.

3. Paragraph 2 requires that the term of all continuing applications (continuations, continuations-in-part and divisionals), filed six months after enactment of the above legislation, be counted from the filing date of the earliest-filed of any applications invoked under 35 U.S.C. 120.

WATARU ASOU,
Commissioner, Japanese Patent Office.
BRUCE A. LEHMAN,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HILLEARY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PAPPAS, for 5 minutes, on February 26.

Mr. SESSIONS, for 5 minutes, on February 26.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. RANGEL) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. BERRY.

Mr. STOKES.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. DEUTSCH.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. CLAY.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. FATTAH.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. DELLUMS.

Mr. FILNER.

Mr. CARDIN.

Mr. HOYER.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. KUCINICH.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HILLEARY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. DEAL of Georgia.

Mr. PETRI.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. SESSIONS.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. CRANE.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. BILBRAY.

Mr. CANADY of Florida.

Mr. PORTER.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH.

Mr. MILLER of Florida.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROHRABACHER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. STEARNS.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. CONYERS.

Mr. CLEMENT.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. FORD.
Mr. STARK.
Mrs. THURMAN.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 26, 1997, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1832. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96-966-1 FIR] received February 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1833. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Air Force violation, case number 95-02, which totaled \$43,170, occurred in the fiscal year 1988 military construction, Air National Guard appropriation, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1834. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of February 1, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 105-46); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1835. A letter from the Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations), Department of Defense, transmitting the Commission's final report on alternative utilization of military facilities, pursuant to Public Law 100-456, section 2819(b)(4) (102 Stat. 2120); to the Committee on National Security.

1836. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's "Major" final rule—Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control (Regulation Y) [Docket Nos. R-0935; R-0936] received February 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1837. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of discretionary new budget authority and outlays for the current year, if any, and the budget year provided by House Joint Resolution 25, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-578); to the Committee on the Budget.

1838. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Research and Demonstration Project and Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f) GEPA, section 437(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1839. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Regulations—Projects With Industry, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f) GEPA, section 437(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1840. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on the notice of final funding priorities