

that are also published in foreign countries, (3) protects investments in processes and factory equipment of American manufacturers by creating a prior user defense, (4) provides a low-cost, speedy alternative to district court litigation by strengthening the Patent and Trademark Office's reexamination procedure, and (5) improves efficiency of the Patent and Trademark Office.

The substance of this bill has been debated in many Congressional hearings since the beginning of the 104th Congress. The House passed a companion bill earlier this year and S. 507 was favorably reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 17 to 1.

S. 507 enjoys strong bipartisan support, despite the substantial misinformation that has surrounded it. It is time for the Senate to vote on this bill, which will strengthen the U.S. economy and keep jobs in America.

Sincerely,

Grant Saviers, Chairman, CEO and President, Adaptec, Inc.; H.A. Wagner, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.; John R. Stafford, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Home Products Corp.; John I. Shipp, President, Apollo Camera, L.L.C.; Carol Bartz, Chairman, President and CEO, Autodesk, Inc.; Clateo Castellini, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO, Becton, Dickinson and Co.; Donald V. Fites, Chairman and CEO, Caterpillar Inc.; William J. Hudson, President and Chief Executive Officer, AMP Inc.; James C. Morgan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Applied Materials, Inc.; William H. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bear Creek Corp.; Gregory Bentley, President, Bentley Systems, Inc.; Frank Baldino, Jr., Ph.D., President and CEO, Cephalon, Inc.; Dominique Goupil, President, Claris Corp.; Hans W. Becherer, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Deere & Co.; John A. Krol, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.; George M. C. Fisher, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Eastman Kodak Co.; Alex Trotman, Chairman of the Board, Ford Motor Co.; Eckhard Pfeiffer, President and CEO, Compaq Computer Corp.; William S. Stavropoulos, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Dow Chemical Co.; Earnest W. Deavenport, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Eastman Chemical Co.; Robert N. Burt, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, FMC Corp.; John D. Opie, Vice Chairman, General Electric Co.; Phillip W. Farmer, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Harris Corp.; Thomas F. Kennedy, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hoechst Celanese Corp.; Gordon E. Moore, Chairman, Intel Corp.; Richard A. McGinn, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lucent Technologies; William H. Gates, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Microsoft Corp.; Lewis E. Platt, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Hewlett-Packard Co.; Louis V. Gerstener, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, IBM Corp.; Jeff Papows, President, Lotus Development Corp.; William W. George, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Medtronic, Inc.; L. D. DeSimone, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co.; Edward J. Mooney, Chairman and CEO, Nalco Chemical Co.; William C. Steere, Jr., Chairman of the Board and CEO, Pfizer, Inc.; Charles S. Johnson, Chair-

man, President and CEO, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.; H.W. Lichtenberger, Chief Executive Officer, Praxair, Inc.; Jeremiah J. Sheehan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Reynolds Metals Co.; Eric Schmidt, Chairman and CEO, Novell, Inc.; W.W. Allen, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Phillips Petroleum Co.; Gary DiGamillo, Chief Executive Officer, Polaroid Corp.; John E. Pepper, Chairman and CEO, Procter & Gamble; Bill Budinger, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Rodel, Inc.; Larry Wilson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Rohm and Haas Co.; Scott McNealy, Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer, Sun Microsystems, Inc.; Melvin R. Goodes, Chief Executive Director, Warner-Lambert Co.; Alan F. Shugart, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President, Seagate Technology; William H. Joyce, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Union Carbide Corp.; Ernest H. Drew, Chief Executive Officer, Industries and Technology Group, Westinghouse Electric Corp.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2411. An act to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.

H.R. 3303. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for the fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001; to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to carry out certain programs administered by the Department of Justice; to amend title 28, United States Code with respect to the use of funds available to the Department of Justice; and for other purposes.

H.R. 4059. An act making appropriations for the military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4060. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 113. Joint resolution approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in the Nation's Capital.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should support the efforts of Federal law enforcement agents engaged in investigation and prosecution of money laundering associated with Mexican financial institutions.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276h, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, Chairman, and Mr. GILMAN of New York, Vice Chairman, appointed

on April 27, 1998: Mr. DREIER, Mr. BARTON, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. REYES.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2411. An act to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3303. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for the fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001; to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to carry out certain programs administered by the Department of Justice; to amend title 28, United States Code with respect to the use of funds available to the Department of Justice; and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should support the efforts of Federal law enforcement agents engaged in investigation and prosecution of money laundering associated with Mexican financial institutions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times, and placed on the calendar:

H.J. Res. 113. Joint resolution approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in the Nation's Capital.

The following bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4059. An act making appropriations for the military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5653. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a financial guarantee for the sale of aircraft to Hainan Airlines in the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5654. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a financial guarantee for the sale of aircraft to Air Pacific Ltd. of Fiji; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5655. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management