

on any of these extraneous matters, we need to be convinced that the measures belong in this bill.

Title V apparently sets forth the views of the House Committee on the Judiciary on how best to provide legal protection against misappropriation of collections of information such as databases. I understand that the Administration has indicated that it has serious reservations about this approach, including a concern that it may be unconstitutional. This is a matter the Senate Judiciary Committee plans to address in scheduled hearings. Until those hearings take place, I see no reason to endanger the WIPO bill with a potentially controversial issue that the full Senate Judiciary Committee has not had an opportunity to examine.

Title VI would provide protection for certain boat hull designs. As in the case of the other extraneous provisions added in the House, no one from the House Committee on the Judiciary said a word on the floor about why this change to current law is necessary. At worst, this provision represents fundamental shift in the tradition and breadth of copyright law. At best, it is a dubious idea that was attached without discussion or consideration. The Senate should not include this extraneous matter in the WIPO bill without deliberation.

I would hope all parties to the debate would recognize that much has been done to calibrate the WIPO copyright treaties implementing legislation. Each of us, working alone, would undoubtedly have produced a different bill. In fact, last fall I introduced a bill that I believe did a far better job of implementing the treaties and did not need dozens of carve-outs to deal with the problems created by the approach recommended by the Administration. In any event, we are now late in the session. Much important work has been done in the Senate, and I want to thank the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee for working with me this spring to address my concerns with this bill. I think the House Committee on Commerce has made additional important contributions. This bill is not a perfect bill, but it is an important bill. Before taking any final action, we should eliminate the extraneous provisions in this bill, while preserving the true heart of the legislation: the WIPO legislation. However, once that analysis has been completed, I would hope we could move this legislation forward.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations

which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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-6652. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Air Force Research Laboratory support functions at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6653. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Civil Engineering functions at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6654. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Communications and Telephone Services functions at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6655. A communication from the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Official/Unofficial Weighing Service" (RIN0580-AA55) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6656. A communication from the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantine Area" (Docket 97-056-16) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6657. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Disability or Death Due to Hospital Care, Medical or Surgical Treatment, Examination, or Training and Rehabilitation Services" (RIN2900-AJ04) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-6658. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Election of Education Benefits," (RIN2900-AH88) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-6659. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6660. A communication from the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations; Shipper's Export Declaration Re-

quirements for Exports Valued at Less than \$2,500" (RIN0607-AA28) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6661. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thrift Savings Plan Loans" received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6662. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding Fulbright-Hays Programs (RIN1840-AC53) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6663. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers (benzenesulfonic acid)" (Docket 97F-0467) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6664. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food" (Docket 98N-0392) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6665. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers (light stabilizer)" (Docket 98F-0055) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6666. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of an Executive Order to amend Executive Order 12947 in order to more effectively respond to the worldwide threat posed by foreign terrorists; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6667. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extended Examination Cycle for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks" (Docket R-1012) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6668. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a financial guarantee to the Chase Manhattan Bank on a loan to the Ministry of Finance of Croatia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6669. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a loan guarantee Petroleos Mexicanos, Mexico, to support the export sale of oil and gas services and equipment; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6670. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Charter and Bylaws; One Member, One Vote" (RIN1550-AB17) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.