

**SUBSTITUTE FOR THE AMENDMENT CONTAINED
IN THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF H.R. 3309
OFFERED BY MR. CONYERS OF MICHIGAN**

*& MR. WATT
OF NORTH
CAROLINA*

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Deceptive Patent Practices Reduction Act”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
5 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.
- Sec. 3. Transparency of patent ownership.
- Sec. 4. Customer stay.
- Sec. 5. Small business education, outreach, and information access.
- Sec. 6. Codification of the double-patenting doctrine for first-inventor-to-file patents.
- Sec. 7. Technical corrections to the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act.
- Sec. 8. Reports.
- Sec. 9. Effective date.

6 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

7 In this Act:

8 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
9 the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual
10 Property and Director of the United States Patent
11 and Trademark Office.

12 (2) OFFICE.—The term “Office” means the
13 United States Patent and Trademark Office.

1 **SEC. 3. TRANSPARENCY OF PATENT OWNERSHIP.**

2 (a) JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 281 of title 35,
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (A) by striking “A patentee” and inserting

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A patentee”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) INITIAL DISCLOSURE.—A patentee who has filed
9 a civil action under subsection (a) is required to disclose
10 to the court and to all adverse parties, any persons, asso-
11 ciations of persons, firms, partnerships, corporations (in-
12 cluding parent corporations), or other entities other than
13 the patentee itself known by the patentee to have—

14 “(1) a financial interest (of any kind) in the
15 subject matter in controversy or in a party to the
16 proceeding; or

17 “(2) any other kind of interest that could be
18 substantially affected by the outcome of the pro-
19 ceeding.

20 “(c) ENFORCEMENT.—The court may enforce the re-
21 quirement under subsection (b) upon a motion by an op-
22 posing party or sua sponte.

23 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
24 terms ‘proceeding’ and ‘financial interest’ have the mean-
25 ing given those terms in section 455(d) of title 28.”.

1 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
2 MENT.—Section 290 of title 35, United States Code,
3 is amended in the first sentence by inserting after
4 “inventor,” the following: “any information that a
5 patentee has publicly disclosed under section
6 281(b),”.

7 (b) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PRO-
8 CEEDINGS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 26 of title 35,
10 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
11 end the following:

12 **“§ 263. Disclosure of information relating to patent**
13 **ownership**

14 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

15 “(1) the term ‘period of noncompliance’ refers
16 to a period of time during which the ultimate parent
17 entity of an assignee of a patent has not been dis-
18 closed to the United States Patent and Trademark
19 Office in accordance with this section; and

20 “(2) the term ‘ultimate parent entity’ has the
21 meaning given the term in section 801.1(a)(3) of
22 title 16, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
23 cessor regulation.

24 “(b) REQUIREMENT TO DISCLOSE ASSIGNMENT.—

25 An assignment of all substantial rights in an issued patent

1 that results in a change to the ultimate parent entity shall
2 be recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office within
3 3 months of the assignment.

4 “(c) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.—A disclosure
5 under subsection (b) shall include the name of the assignee
6 and the ultimate parent entity of the assignee.

7 “(d) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If a party required to
8 make a disclosure under subsection (b) fails to comply
9 with such requirement, in a civil action in which that party
10 asserts a claim for infringement of the patent, that party
11 may not recover increased damages under section 284 or
12 attorney fees under section 285 with respect to infringing
13 activities taking place during any period of noncompli-
14 ance.”.

15 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by
16 paragraph (1) shall apply to any patent issued on or
17 after the date of enactment of this Act.

18 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
19 sections for chapter 26 of title 35, United States
20 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following
21 new item:

“263. Disclosure of information relating to patent ownership.”.

22 **SEC. 4. CUSTOMER STAY.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 29 of title 35, United
24 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
25 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 299A. Customer stay**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

3 “(1) the term ‘covered customer’ means a party
4 accused of infringing a patent or patents in dispute
5 based on a covered product or process;

6 “(2) the term ‘covered manufacturer’ means a
7 person who manufactures or supplies, or causes the
8 manufacture or supply of, a covered product or pro-
9 cess, or a relevant part thereof; and

10 “(3) the term ‘covered product or process’
11 means a component, product, process, system, serv-
12 ice, method, or a relevant part thereof, that—

13 “(A) is alleged to infringe the patent or
14 patents in dispute, or

15 “(B) implements a process alleged to in-
16 fringe the patent or patents in dispute.

17 “(b) MOTION FOR STAY.—In a civil action in which
18 a party asserts a claim for relief arising under any Act
19 of Congress relating to patents (other than an action that
20 includes a cause of action described in section 271(e) of
21 this title), the court shall grant a motion to stay at least
22 the portion of the action against a covered customer that
23 relates to infringement of a patent involving a covered
24 product or process if—

25 “(1) the covered manufacturer and the covered
26 customer consent in writing to the stay;

1 “(2) the covered manufacturer is a party to the
2 action or a separate action involving the same patent
3 or patents relating to the same covered product or
4 process;

5 “(3) the covered customer agrees to be bound
6 under the principles of collateral estoppel by any
7 issues finally decided as to the covered manufacturer
8 in an action described in paragraph (2) that the cov-
9 ered customer has in common with the covered man-
10 ufacturer; and

11 “(4) the motion is filed after the first pleading
12 in the action but not later than the later of—

13 “(A) 120 days after service of the first
14 pleading in the action that specifically identifies
15 the covered product or process as a basis for
16 the alleged infringement of the patent by the
17 covered customer, and specifically identifies how
18 the covered product or process is alleged to in-
19 fringe the patent; or

20 “(B) the date on which the first scheduling
21 order in the case is entered.

22 “(c) **APPLICABILITY.**—A stay issued under sub-
23 section (b) shall apply only to those asserted patents and
24 products, systems, methods, or components accused of in-
25 fringement in the action.

1 “(d) VACATING STAY.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A stay entered under this
3 section may be vacated upon grant of a motion
4 based on a showing that—

5 “(A) the action involving the covered man-
6 ufacturer will not resolve a major issue in suit
7 against the covered customer; or

8 “(B) the stay unreasonably prejudices or
9 would be manifestly unjust to the party seeking
10 to vacate the stay.

11 “(2) SEPARATE ACTIONS.—In the case of a stay
12 entered under this section based on the participation
13 of the covered manufacturer in a separate action de-
14 scribed in subsection (b)(2), a motion under para-
15 graph (1) may only be granted if the court in such
16 separate action determines that the showing re-
17 quired under paragraph (1) has been made.

18 “(e) WAIVER OF ESTOPPEL EFFECT.—If, following
19 the grant of a motion to stay under this section, the cov-
20 ered manufacturer in an action described in subsection
21 (b)(2)—

22 “(1) seeks or consents to entry of a consent
23 judgment involving one or more of the common
24 issues that gave rise to the stay; or

1 cational resources for small businesses to address
2 concerns arising from patent infringement.

3 (2) SMALL BUSINESS PATENT OMBUDSMAN.—

4 The Patent Ombudsman Program established under
5 section 28 of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act
6 (35 U.S.C. 2 note) shall coordinate with the existing
7 small business outreach programs of the Office to
8 provide education and awareness on abusive patent
9 litigation practices.

10 (b) IMPROVING INFORMATION TRANSPARENCY FOR
11 SMALL BUSINESS AND THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
12 TRADEMARK OFFICE USERS.—

13 (1) WEB SITE.—Using existing resources, the
14 Director shall create a user-friendly section on the
15 official Web site of the Office to notify the public
16 when a patent case is brought in Federal court and
17 with respect to each patent at issue in such case, the
18 Director shall include—

19 (A) information disclosed pursuant to sec-
20 tion 290 of title 35, United States Code, as
21 amended by section 4(a)(2) of this Act; and

22 (B) any information the Director deter-
23 mines to be relevant.

24 (2) FORMAT.—In order to promote accessibility
25 for the public, the information described in para-

1 graph (1) shall be searchable by patent number, pat-
2 ent art area, and entity.

3 **SEC. 6. CODIFICATION OF THE DOUBLE-PATENTING DOC-**
4 **TRINE FOR FIRST-INVENTOR-TO-FILE PAT-**
5 **ENTS.**

6 (a) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 10 of title 35, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new section:

9 **“§ 106. Prior art in cases of double patenting**

10 “A claimed invention of a patent issued under section
11 151 (referred to in this section as the ‘first patent’) that
12 is not prior art to a claimed invention of another patent
13 (referred to in this section as the ‘second patent’) shall
14 be considered prior art to the claimed invention of the sec-
15 ond patent for the purpose of determining the nonobvious-
16 ness of the claimed invention of the second patent under
17 section 103 if—

18 “(1) the claimed invention of the first patent
19 was effectively filed under section 102(d) on or be-
20 fore the effective filing date of the claimed invention
21 of the second patent;

22 “(2) either—

23 “(A) the first patent and the second patent
24 name the same inventor; or

1 “(B) the claimed invention of the first pat-
2 ent would constitute prior art to the claimed in-
3 vention of the second patent under section
4 102(a)(2) if an exception under section
5 102(b)(2) were deemed to be inapplicable and
6 the claimed invention of the first patent was, or
7 were deemed to be, effectively filed under sec-
8 tion 102(d) before the effective filing date of
9 the claimed invention of the second patent; and
10 “(3) the patentee of the second patent has not
11 disclaimed the rights to enforce the second patent
12 independently from, and beyond the statutory term
13 of, the first patent.”.

14 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Director shall promulgate
15 regulations setting forth the form and content of any dis-
16 claimer required for a patent to be issued in compliance
17 with section 106 of title 35, United States Code, as added
18 by subsection (a). Such regulations shall apply to any dis-
19 claimer filed after a patent has issued. A disclaimer, when
20 filed, shall be considered for the purpose of determining
21 the validity of the patent under section 106 of title 35,
22 United States Code.

23 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
24 tions for chapter 10 of title 35, United States Code, is
25 amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“106. Prior art in cases of double patenting.”.

1 (d) **EXCLUSIVE RULE.**—A patent subject to section
2 106 of title 35, United States Code, as added by sub-
3 section (a), shall not be held invalid on any nonstatutory,
4 double-patenting ground.

5 (e) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
6 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
7 of this Act and shall apply to a patent or patent applica-
8 tion only if both the first and second patents described
9 in section 106 of title 35, United States Code, as added
10 by subsection (a), are patents or patent applications that
11 are described in section 3(n)(1) of the Leahy-Smith Amer-
12 ica Invents Act (35 U.S.C. 100 note).

13 **SEC. 7. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LEAHY-SMITH**
14 **AMERICA INVENTS ACT.**

15 (a) **TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**—

16 (1) **INVENTOR'S OATH OR DECLARATION.**—

17 (A) **AMENDMENT.**—Section 115(g)(1) of
18 title 35, United States Code, is amended—

19 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
20 graph (A), by striking “claims the benefit”
21 and inserting “is entitled, as to each inven-
22 tion claimed in the application, to the ben-
23 efit”; and

24 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
25 “meeting the requirements of subsection

1 (a) was executed by the individual and was
2 filed in connection with the earlier-filed ap-
3 plication” and inserting the following: “ex-
4 ecuted by or on behalf of the individual
5 was filed in connection with the earlier-
6 filed application and meets the require-
7 ments of this section as effective on the
8 date such oath or declaration was filed”.

9 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment
10 made by subparagraph (A) shall be effective as
11 if included in the amendment made by section
12 4(a)(1) of the Leahy-Smith America Invents
13 Act (Public Law 112–29; 125 Stat. 293).

14 (2) NOVELTY.—

15 (A) AMENDMENT.—Section 102(b)(1)(A)
16 of title 35, United States Code, is amended by
17 striking “the inventor or joint inventor or by
18 another” and inserting “the inventor or a joint
19 inventor or another”.

20 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment
21 made by subparagraph (A) shall be effective as
22 if included in the amendment made by section
23 3(b)(1) of the Leahy-Smith America Invents
24 Act (Public Law 112–29; 125 Stat. 285).

25 (3) ASSIGNEE FILERS.—

1 (A) BENEFIT OF EARLIER FILING DATE;
2 RIGHT OF PRIORITY.—Section 119(e)(1) of title
3 35, United States Code, is amended, in the first
4 sentence, by striking “by an inventor or inven-
5 tors named” and inserting “that names the in-
6 ventor or a joint inventor”.

7 (B) BENEFIT OF EARLIER FILING DATE IN
8 THE UNITED STATES.—Section 120 of title 35,
9 United States Code, is amended, in the first
10 sentence, by striking “names an inventor or
11 joint inventor” and inserting “names the inven-
12 tor or a joint inventor”.

13 (C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments
14 made by this paragraph shall take effect on the
15 date of the enactment of this Act and shall
16 apply to any patent application, and any patent
17 issuing from such application, that is filed on or
18 after September 16, 2012.

19 (4) DERIVED PATENTS.—

20 (A) AMENDMENT.—Section 291(b) of title
21 35, United States Code, is amended by striking
22 “or joint inventor” and inserting “or a joint in-
23 ventor”.

24 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment
25 made by subparagraph (A) shall be effective as

1 if included in the amendment made by section
2 3(h)(1) of the Leahy-Smith America Invents
3 Act (Public Law 112–29; 125 Stat. 288).

4 (5) SPECIFICATION.—Notwithstanding section
5 4(e) of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (Pub-
6 lic Law 112–29; 125 Stat. 297), the amendments
7 made by subsections (c) and (d) of section 4 of such
8 Act shall apply to any proceeding or matter, that is
9 pending on, or filed on or after, the date of the en-
10 actment of this Act.

11 (6) PATENT OWNER RESPONSE.—

12 (A) CONDUCT OF INTER PARTES RE-
13 VIEW.—Section 316(a)(8) of title 35, United
14 States Code, is amended by striking “the peti-
15 tion under section 313” and inserting “the peti-
16 tion under section 311”.

17 (B) CONDUCT OF POST-GRANT REVIEW.—
18 Section 326(a)(8) of title 35, United States
19 Code, is amended by striking “the petition
20 under section 323” and inserting “the petition
21 under section 321”.

22 (C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments
23 made by this paragraph shall take effect on the
24 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (7) TIME LIMIT FOR COMMENCING MISCONDUCT
2 PROCEEDINGS.—

3 (A) AMENDMENT.—The fourth sentence of
4 section 32 of title 35, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “1 year” and inserting “2
6 years”.

7 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment
8 made by this paragraph shall apply to any ac-
9 tion in which the Office files a complaint on or
10 after the date of enactment of this Act.

11 (b) POST-GRANT REVIEW AMENDMENT.—Section
12 325(e)(2) of title 35, United States Code, is amended by
13 striking “or reasonably could have raised”.

14 (c) CLARIFICATION OF JURISDICTION.—Section 1338
15 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at
16 the end the following:

17 “(d) For purposes of this section, section 1454, and
18 section 1295(a), a claim of legal malpractice that nec-
19 essarily raises a disputed question of patent law shall be
20 deemed to arise under an Act of Congress relating to pat-
21 ents.”.

22 **SEC. 8. REPORTS.**

23 (a) STUDY ON SECONDARY MARKET OVERSIGHT FOR
24 PATENT TRANSACTIONS TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY
25 AND ETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES.—

1 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Director, in con-
2 sultation with the Secretary of Commerce, the Sec-
3 retary of the Treasury, the Chairman of the Securi-
4 ties and Exchange Commission, the heads of other
5 relevant agencies, and interested parties, shall, using
6 existing resources of the Office, conduct a study—

7 (A) to develop legislative recommendations
8 to ensure greater transparency and account-
9 ability in patent transactions occurring on the
10 secondary market;

11 (B) to examine the economic impact that
12 the patent secondary market has on the United
13 States;

14 (C) to examine licensing and other over-
15 sight requirements that may be placed on the
16 patent secondary market, including on the par-
17 ticipants in such markets, to ensure that the
18 market is a level playing field and that brokers
19 in the market have the requisite expertise and
20 adhere to ethical business practices; and

21 (D) to examine the requirements placed on
22 other markets.

23 (2) SUBMISSION OF STUDY.—Not later than 18
24 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,
25 the Director shall submit a report to the Committee

1 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives
2 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate
3 on the findings and recommendations of the Director
4 from the study required under paragraph (1).

5 (b) STUDY ON PATENTS OWNED BY THE UNITED
6 STATES GOVERNMENT.—

7 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Director, in con-
8 sultation with the heads of relevant agencies and in-
9 terested parties, shall, using existing resources of the
10 Office, conduct a study on patents owned by the
11 United States Government that—

12 (A) examines how such patents are li-
13 censed and sold, with reference to any litigation
14 relating to the licensing or sale of such patents;

15 (B) provides legislative and administrative
16 recommendations on whether there should be
17 restrictions placed on patents acquired from the
18 United States Government;

19 (C) examines whether or not each relevant
20 agency maintains adequate records on the pat-
21 ents owned by such agency, specifically whether
22 such agency addresses licensing, assignment,
23 and Government grants for technology related
24 to such patents; and

1 (D) provides recommendations to ensure
2 that each relevant agency has an adequate
3 point of contact that is responsible for man-
4 aging the patent portfolio of the agency.

5 (2) REPORT ON STUDY.—Not later than 9
6 months after the date of completion of the study re-
7 quired by subsection (a)(1), the Director shall sub-
8 mit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House
9 of Representatives and the Committee on the Judici-
10 ary of the Senate a report on the findings and rec-
11 ommendations of the Director from the study re-
12 quired under paragraph (1).

13 (c) STUDY ON PATENT QUALITY AND ACCESS TO
14 THE BEST INFORMATION DURING EXAMINATION.—

15 (1) GAO STUDY.—The Comptroller General of
16 the United States shall conduct a study on patent
17 examination at the Office and the technologies avail-
18 able to improve examination and improve patent
19 quality.

20 (2) CONTENTS OF THE STUDY.—The study re-
21 quired under paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
22 lowing:

23 (A) An examination of patent quality at
24 the Office.

1 (B) An examination of ways to improve
2 quality, specifically through technology, that
3 shall include examining best practices at foreign
4 patent offices and the use of existing off-the-
5 shelf technologies to improve patent examina-
6 tion.

7 (C) A description of how patents are clas-
8 sified.

9 (D) An examination of procedures in place
10 to prevent double patenting through filing by
11 applicants in multiple art areas.

12 (E) An examination of the types of off-the-
13 shelf prior art databases and search software
14 used by foreign patent offices and governments,
15 particularly in Europe and Asia, and whether
16 those databases and search tools could be used
17 by the Office to improve patent examination.

18 (F) An examination of any other areas the
19 Comptroller General determines to be relevant.

20 (3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6
21 months after the date of the completion of the study
22 required by subsection (b)(1), the Comptroller Gen-
23 eral shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary
24 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
25 on the Judiciary of the Senate a report on the find-

1 ings and recommendations from the study required
2 by this subsection, including recommendations for
3 any changes to laws and regulations that will im-
4 prove the examination of patent applications and
5 patent quality.

6 (d) STUDY ON PATENT SMALL CLAIMS COURT.—

7 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the
9 Administrative Office of the United States
10 Courts, in consultation with the Director of the
11 Federal Judicial Center, shall, using existing
12 resources, conduct a study to examine the idea
13 of developing a pilot program for patent small
14 claims courts in certain judicial districts within
15 the existing patent pilot program mandated by
16 Public Law 111–349 (28 U.S.C. 137 note).

17 (B) CONTENTS OF STUDY.—The study
18 conducted under subparagraph (A) shall exam-
19 ine—

20 (i) the number and qualifications for
21 judges that could serve on the courts de-
22 scribed in subparagraph (A);

23 (ii) how the courts described in sub-
24 paragraph (A) would be designated and
25 the necessary criteria;

1 (iii) the costs that would be incurred
2 for establishing, maintaining and operating
3 the pilot program described in subpara-
4 graph (A); and

5 (iv) the steps that would be taken to
6 ensure that the pilot small claims courts
7 are not misused for abusive patent litiga-
8 tion.

9 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of
11 the Administrative Office of the United States
12 Courts shall submit a report to the Committee on
13 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and
14 the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate on the
15 findings and recommendations from the study re-
16 quired under paragraph (1).

17 (e) STUDY ON BAD-FAITH DEMAND LETTERS.—

18 (1) STUDY.—The Intellectual Property Enforce-
19 ment Coordinator, in consultation with the Director,
20 shall conduct a study of the practice by a person, in
21 connection with the assertion of a United States pat-
22 ent, of sending written communications that state
23 that the intended recipients or any affiliated persons
24 of such recipients are infringing or have infringed

1 the patent and bear liability or owe compensation to
2 another, whereby—

3 (A) the communications falsely threaten
4 that administrative or judicial relief will be
5 sought if compensation is not paid or the in-
6 fringement issue is not otherwise resolved;

7 (B) the assertions contained in the commu-
8 nications lack a reasonable basis in fact or law,
9 including, for example, because—

10 (i) the person asserting the patent is
11 not a person, or does not represent a per-
12 son, with the current right to license the
13 patent to, or to enforce the patent against,
14 the intended recipients or any such affili-
15 ated persons; or

16 (ii) the communications seek com-
17 pensation on account of activities under-
18 taken after the patent has expired; or

19 (C) the content of the written communica-
20 tions is likely to materially mislead a reasonable
21 recipient, including, for example, because the
22 content fails to include such facts reasonably
23 necessary to inform the recipient of—

24 (i) the identity of the person asserting
25 a right to license the patent to, or enforce

1 the patent against, the intended recipient
2 or any affiliated person of the recipient;

3 (ii) the patent issued by the United
4 States Patent and Trademark Office al-
5 leged to have been infringed; and

6 (iii) the reasons for the assertion that
7 the patent may be or may have been in-
8 fringed.

9 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
10 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,
11 the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator
12 shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of
13 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
14 the Judiciary of the Senate a report on the study
15 conducted under paragraph (1), including rec-
16 ommendations for any changes to laws and regula-
17 tions that will deter any abuses found in the practice
18 described in paragraph (1).

19 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the provi-
21 sions of this Act shall take effect on the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act, and shall apply to any patent issued,
23 or any action filed, on or after that date.



PETE SESSIONS, TEXAS
CHAIRMAN

VIRGINIA FOXX, NORTH CAROLINA
ROB BISHOP, UTAH
TOM COLE, OKLAHOMA
ROB WOODALL, GEORGIA
RICHARD B. NUGENT, FLORIDA
DANIEL WEBSTER, FLORIDA
ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, FLORIDA
MICHAEL C. BURGESS, TEXAS

HUGH N. HALPERN, STAFF DIRECTOR
(202) 225-9191
www.rules.house.gov



Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
H-312 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515-6269

ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

LOUISE M. SLAUGHTER, NEW YORK
RANKING MINORITY MEMBER

JAMES P. MCGOVERN, MASSACHUSETTS
ALCEE L. HASTINGS, FLORIDA
JARED POLIS, COLORADO

MILES M. LACKEY, MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR

MINORITY OFFICE
H-152, THE CAPITOL
(202) 225-9091

AMENDMENT SUBMISSION FORM

Bill Number: HR 3309

Member: Conyers

Cosponsors (if any): Watt

Contact Person: Stephanie Moore

Contact Phone: 5-6906

Contact Email: symoore@mail.house.gov

Leg. Counsel Caption # (i.e. NAME_001): CONYER_67

Does member wish to TESTIFY? YES NO

Is this a REVISION? YES NO

If yes, please provide original amendment number: 072

Make sure the following requirements have been met:

- Thirty (30) copies of amendment
- One (1) short description of amendment [1-2 sentences]
- E-filing completed at www.rules.house.gov

RULES COMMITTEE USE	
1	2