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H. R. 3808

To establish the Intellectual Property Assembly of the Americas and to provide for participation in the Assembly by the United States Delegation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 1996

Mr. MOORHEAD (for himself, Mr. HYDE, Mrs. SCHROEDER, and Mr. CONYERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ASSEMBLY OF THE**
4 **AMERICAS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEETINGS.—Not to ex-
6 ceed 13 Members of Congress shall be appointed to meet
7 jointly and at least annually and when Congress is not
8 in session (except that this restriction shall not apply to
9 meetings held in the United States) with representative

1 parliamentary groups from other countries in the Ameri-
2 cas for the purposes of—

3 (1) discussing common problems and interests
4 in intellectual and industrial property; and

5 (2) initiating and promoting such national and
6 multilateral measures as may further common inter-
7 ests in intellectual and industrial property.

8 (b) APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES DELEGA-
9 TION.—For each meeting of the Intellectual Property As-
10 sembly of the Americas, there shall be appointed a United
11 States Delegation, as follows:

12 (1) In 1998 and every even-numbered year
13 thereafter—

14 (A) 7 members shall be appointed by the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives from
16 Members of the House of Representatives (3 of
17 whom, including the Chairperson of the United
18 States Delegation, shall be from the Committee
19 on International Relations and 4 of whom shall
20 be from the Committee on the Judiciary); and

21 (B) 6 members shall, upon recommenda-
22 tions of the majority and minority leaders of
23 the Senate, be appointed by the President pro
24 tempore of the Senate from Members of the
25 Senate (2 of whom, including the Vice Chair-

1 person of the United States Delegation, shall be
2 from the Committee on Foreign Relations and
3 4 of whom shall be from the Committee on the
4 Judiciary, unless the President pro tempore of
5 the Senate, upon recommendations of the ma-
6 jority and minority leaders of the Senate, deter-
7 mines otherwise).

8 Such appointments shall be for the period of each
9 meeting of the Intellectual Property Assembly of the
10 Americas.

11 (2) In every odd-numbered year beginning in
12 1999—

13 (A) 7 members shall, upon recommenda-
14 tions of the majority and minority leaders of
15 the Senate, be appointed by the President pro
16 tempore of the Senate from Members of the
17 Senate (3 of whom, including the Chairperson
18 of the United States Delegation, shall be from
19 the Committee on Foreign Relations and 4 of
20 whom shall be from the Committee on the Judi-
21 ciary, unless the President pro tempore of the
22 Senate, upon recommendations of the majority
23 and minority leaders of the Senate, determines
24 otherwise); and

1 (B) 6 members shall be appointed by the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives from
3 Members of the House of Representatives (2 of
4 whom, including the Vice Chairperson of the
5 United States Delegation, shall be from the
6 Committee on the Judiciary).

7 Such appointments shall be for the period of each
8 meeting of the Intellectual Property Assembly of the
9 Americas.

10 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—For the purpose of
11 providing general staff support, each United States Dele-
12 gation shall have 2 secretaries (1 of whom shall be ap-
13 pointed by the Chairperson of the Delegation and 1 of
14 whom shall be appointed by the Vice Chairperson of the
15 Delegation).

16 (d) FUNDING.—

17 (1) UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year
19 the sum of \$60,000 to assist in meeting the ex-
20 penses of the United States Delegation. For each
21 fiscal year for which an appropriation is made under
22 this subsection, half of such appropriation may be
23 disbursed on vouchers to be approved by the Chair-
24 person and half of such appropriation may be dis-

1 bursed on vouchers to be approved by the Vice
2 Chairperson.

3 (2) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
4 Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subsection
5 are authorized to remain available until expended.

6 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—The United States Delega-
7 tion shall, for each fiscal year for which an appropriation
8 is made pursuant to this section, submit to the Congress
9 a report that includes its expenditures under such appro-
10 priation. The certificate of the Chairperson and Vice
11 Chairperson of the United States Delegation shall be final
12 and conclusive upon the accounting officers in the auditing
13 of the accounts of the United States Delegation.

14 (f) FUNDING FOR EXPENSES OF ANNUAL MEET-
15 INGS.—In addition to the amounts authorized by sub-
16 section (d), there is authorized to be appropriated the sum
17 of \$100,000 for fiscal year 1998 to meet the expenses in-
18 curred by the United States Delegation in hosting the first
19 annual meeting of the Intellectual Property Assembly of
20 the Americas. Amounts appropriated under this sub-
21 section are authorized to remain available until expended.

22 **SEC. 2. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES; CONFORMING**
23 **AMENDMENT.**

24 Section 105(b) of the Legislative Branch Appropria-
25 tions Act, 1961 (22 U.S.C. 276c–1), is amended by insert-

1 ing “the Intellectual Property Assembly of the Americas,”
2 after “the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary
3 Group,”.

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