

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2336

To amend title 35, United States Code, relating to the funding of the  
United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2007

Mr. BERMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COBLE,  
Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California,  
and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To amend title 35, United States Code, relating to the  
funding of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE FUNDING.**

4       (a) FUNDING.—Section 42 of title 35, United States  
5       Code, is amended—

6               (1) in subsection (b), by striking “Appropria-  
7       tion”; and

8               (2) in subsection (c), in the first sentence—

1           (A) by striking “To the extent” and all  
2           that follows through “fees” and inserting  
3           “Fees”; and

4           (B) by striking “shall be collected by and  
5           shall be available to the Director” and inserting  
6           “shall be collected by the Director and shall be  
7           available until expended”.

8       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
10          subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2007.

11          (2) TERMINATION OF APPROPRIATION.—The  
12          provisions of any appropriation Act that make  
13          amounts available pursuant to section 42(c) of title  
14          35, United States Code, and are in effect on the ef-  
15          fective date set forth in subsection (a) shall cease to  
16          be effective on that effective date.

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