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Legislation: S507 News and Reviews; Omnibus Patent Act of 1997

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Well, here we go again. The Inventor's Resource does not routinely promote "positions". Rather, it serves the inventor with one of the most complete collection of resources on the Net. This month, however, it is taking a different stance on a vitally important Bill currently before the Senate, the Omnibus Patent Act of 1997, a.k.a. "S.507".

As I continue to plow through all of the Pros and Cons from both sides of the debate regarding the defeat or passage of S.507, two of the most fundamental principles of my inventing background come erupting to the front:

- 1) Keep it simple, and
- 2) If it's not broken, don't fix it.

Under the thin veil of International Patent Harmonization, the reformers' proposed S.507 puts the entire U.S. Patent system at risk of being irreparably damaged or destroyed. (The "old" U.S Patent System by the way, has kept the United States at the forefront of technology innovation and patent commercialization for about 200 years). Again, I simply ask: "if it's not broken, why do the reform lobbyists insist on "fixing" it?"

Without presenting my arguments in support of Defeating S.507, I urge you to review the arguments of the leading Inventor, Patent, and University technology groups, as well as our Nobel Prize Recipients. These innovation leaders who have helped place the United States in the enviable position as World Technology Leader, along with the Honorable Marcy Kaptur, can articulate all of the reasons you should write your Senator today and ask for the defeat of S.507.

Here is a brief list of "No on S.507" positions. Please take the time to read them, and follow the recommendations on how to contact your Senator.

If you have time to invent and surf the Net, and if you intend on relying on the U.S. Patent system to provide you the Constitutional Right to protect your invention, you can't afford not to spend a few hours to protect your invention future by asking for the defeat of S.507.

Enjoy this month's guide to these important S.507 connections:

Join the Fight against S.507, Contact your Senator NOW and urge the defeat of Senate Bill: S.507

Full S.507 Bill Text: search: "S.507", then Omnibus Patent Act of 1997 (Reported in the Senate)[S.507.RS]

What They Say: (outside links)

- Nobel Laureates' Open Letter to the U.S. Senate
- Pressure on the American Patent System
- Patent Law at MIT, S.507 Alert
- Fortune Magazine, February 2, 1998 "Can 27 Nobel Laureates Be Wrong?"
- Patently Wrong, Fact and Comment by Steve Forbes, Editor-in-Chief. Forbes Magazine
- Eight MIT Nobelists protest patent legislation
- A committee of the American Bar Association opposes the Prior User Rights section of S. 507!
- Letter from: The Honorable Marcy Kaptur May 7, 1997 S. 507, Omnibus Patent Act of 1997 Committee, United States Senate
- Another independent inventor's Position