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S 2237

Protecting Intellectual Rights Against Theft and Expropriation Act of 2004

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce Introduced: Mar 25, 2004

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property. (Aug 4, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	$R \cdot UT$		Mar 25, 2004
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 3, 2004
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	$R \cdot TN$		May 12, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 29, 2004
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 4, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Protecting Intellectual Rights Against Theft and Expropriation Act of 2004 - Amends Federal copyright law to authorize the Attorney General (AG) to: (1) commence a civil action against any person who engages in conduct constituting copyright infringement; (2) collect damages and profits resulting from such infringement; and (3) collect statutory damages.

Directs the AG to: (1) develop a program to ensure effective implementation and use of the authority for civil enforcement of the copyright laws, including training programs for qualified personnel from the Department of Justice and U.S. Attorneys Offices; and (2) report annually to Congress on the use of such enforcement authority and progress made in implementing the training programs.

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2005.

Actions Timeline

- Aug 4, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- Jun 25, 2004: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7522-7523; text as passed Senate: CR S7523)
- Jun 25, 2004: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7522-7523; text as passed Senate: CR S7523)
- Jun 25, 2004: Received in the House.
- Jun 25, 2004: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Jun 25, 2004: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- Apr 29, 2004: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- Apr 29, 2004: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Hatch without amendment. Without written report.
- Apr 29, 2004: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Hatch without amendment. Without written report.
- Apr 29, 2004: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 485.
- Mar 25, 2004: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 25, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3189)
- Mar 25, 2004: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3189-3190)