

## S 1358

A bill to authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to use funds made available under the Trademark Act of 1946 for patent operations in order to avoid furloughs and reductions-in-force.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Jun 25, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 25, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/1358>

### Sponsor

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

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R - AL		Jun 25, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 26, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3114	Related bill	Aug 7, 2009: Became Public Law No: 111-45.

### Summary (as of Jun 25, 2009)

Authorizes the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to use funds made available under provisions of the Act commonly known as the Trademark Act of 1946 (relating to fees) to support the processing of patents and other activities, services, and materials relating to patents, notwithstanding provisions restricting the use of such fees to activities relating trademark registrations, if: (1) the Director certifies to Congress that the use of such funds is reasonably necessary to avoid USPTO furloughs or a reduction-in-force, or both; and (2) funds so used are repaid to trademark operations not later than September 30, 2011.

Terminates such authority on June 30, 2010.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 25, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 25, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7044-7046; text as passed Senate: CR S7044)
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- **Jun 25, 2009:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 25, 2009:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 25, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.