

## HR 2766

### STOP Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Jul 22, 2013

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. (Sep 13, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Aug 2, 2013
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 13, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 866	Related bill	May 6, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Stopping the Offensive Use of Patents Act or the STOP Act - Amends the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to remove the eight-year sunset provision with respect to the transitional post-grant review program available to review the validity of covered business method patents, thereby making the program permanent.

Expands the term "covered business method patent" to include a patent that claims a method or corresponding apparatus for performing data processing or other operations used in the practice, administration, or management of any enterprise, product, or service, except technological inventions. (Current law limits the program to financial products or services.)

Requires the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property) to work with and support intellectual property law associations throughout the United States, within established pro bono programs, to assist financially under-resourced resellers, users, implementers, distributors, or customers of an allegedly infringing product or process.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 13, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Jul 22, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 22, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.