

HR 1695

Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017

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| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9] | D · TN | | Apr 12, 2017 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | House | Reported By | Apr 20, 2017 |
| Rules and Administration Committee | Senate | Hearings By (full committee) | Sep 26, 2018 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 HRES 275 | Procedurally related | Apr 26, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |

Summary (as of Apr 26, 2017)

Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill amends federal copyright law to require the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a Register of Copyrights from a list of at least three individuals recommended by a panel composed of:

- the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- the President pro tempore of the Senate;
- the majority and minority leaders of the House and the Senate; and
- the Librarian of Congress.

(Currently, the Register of Copyrights is appointed by the Librarian of Congress.)

To be eligible for appointment, the individual must be a citizen of the United States with a professional background and experience in copyright law and must be capable of identifying and supervising a chief information officer responsible for managing modern information technology systems.

The bill limits the term of office for the Register of Copyrights to 10 years, but the individual may be reappointed subject to the same requirements established in this bill.

The President may remove the Register of Copyrights from office and must notify both chambers of Congress of any such removal.

(Sec. 3) Nothing in this bill may be construed to impact the mandatory deposit requirements under which owners of a copyright or of an exclusive right of publication must deposit in the U.S. Copyright Office two copies or phonorecords of works published in the United States for the use or disposition of the Library of Congress.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2018:** Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-613.
- **Apr 27, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Rule H. Res. 275 passed House.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 275. (consideration: CR H2868-2877; text of measure as reported in House: CR H2874)
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1695 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit with or without instructions allowed. The resolution makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-13.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Michael K. Simpson to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 275 and Rule XVIII.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 1695.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 275, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Deutch amendment No. 1.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Deutch amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Goodlatte demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 275, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Chu amendment No. 2.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question on adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 1695.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 378 - 48 (Roll no. 227).
- **Apr 26, 2017:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 378 - 48 (Roll no. 227).
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 25, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 275 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1695 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit with or without instructions allowed. The resolution makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-13.
- **Apr 20, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 115-91.
- **Apr 20, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 51.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 27 - 1.
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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