

U.S. industry needs these patent reforms now. Support S. 507 and urge Senator Lott to bring it to a vote promptly.

Sincerely,

GARY L. GRISWOLD,
Staff Vice President and
Chief Intellectual
Property Counsel.

INTEL CORPORATION
Santa Clara, CA, June 12, 1998.

Hon. PATRICK J. LEAHY,
U.S. Senate,
433 Russell Senate Office Building.

DEAR SENATOR LEAHY: For the past four years, Intel has been an active participant in the 21st Century Patent Coalition, which supports the enactment of patent reform legislation (S. 507). S. 507 would accomplish three broad goals of vital importance to our industry: modernizing patent administration, improving and simplifying dispute resolution procedures in the Patent and Trademark Office, and strengthening inventors' rights in a number of ways, most importantly by protecting them from loss of term due to Patent Office delays. Our coalition has the support of over 80 major American industrial companies and 22 industry associations that are composed, primarily, of small businesses.

Now, S. 507—which passed the House on a voice vote last year, and was approved in the Senate Judiciary by a vote of 17-1—is ready for floor action in the Senate. Our coalition has worked hard to address any and all legitimate concerns about the text of the bill and its impact upon small business entities and independent inventors, and we believe that it would, if enacted, create the most pro-inventor patent system in the world. It has recently received the enthusiastic support of the White House Conference on Small Business Technology Chairs, the National Association of Women Business Owners, and the Small Business Technology Coalition.

The patent system we have today will be ill equipped to serve the needs of inventors in the next century if the improvements provided for in S. 507 are not made. We ask for your help in scheduling S. 507 for a floor vote, and for your support for the Committee bill on final passage.

Your support will help preserve America's role as the world's technology leader.

Sincerely,

CARL SILVERMAN,
Director of Intellectual Property.

CATERPILLAR INC.,
Peoria, IL, June 3, 1998.

Hon. PATRICK J. LEAHY,
Russell Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR LEAHY: I am writing to express Caterpillar's strong support for S. 507 (Hatch/Leahy), The Omnibus Patent Act of 1997. As you know, S. 507 was reported from the Senate Judiciary Committee on a vote of 17-1 and is awaiting Senate floor action. A companion bill passed the House last year.

S. 507 would modernize the U.S. patent system through major improvements in our patent laws that will greatly benefit America's large and small businesses, inventors and entrepreneurs. For Caterpillar, this legislation will mean reduced costs, reduced risk, reduced bureaucracy, fewer lawsuits, more certainty regarding property rights, and generally a faster, more responsive patent system.

Equally significant, key small business groups now agree that S. 507 will streamline the patent process and help America's inventors who currently suffer from delays in the patent office that are not their fault.

It's time for the Senate to vote on this bill to help strengthen the U.S. economy and keep jobs in America.

I urge you to contact Majority Leader Lott in support of early scheduling of S. 507 for floor debate, and support the efforts of its sponsors to adopt a bill without weakening amendments.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. HEMING,
General Patent Counsel.

AMP INCORPORATED,
Washington, DC, June 3, 1998.

Hon. PATRICK J. LEAHY,
U.S. Senate,
Russell Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR LEAHY: Please ask Senator Lott to bring S. 507, the Hatch-Leahy Omnibus Patent Act, to the floor as soon as possible. This patent reform is important to AMP, our employees, and the hundreds of inventors in our company who think up new ideas to produce better products, to keep our company competitive, and to create new jobs.

It's time to bring this bill up for a vote. The technology chairs of the White House Conference on Small Business have approved S. 507 because, "(it) will lower the litigation costs for small business, make it easier to know what areas of technology are open for innovation, and will go a long way towards giving us a more level playing field vis-a-vis our foreign competitors." AMP and the dozens of other companies and associations in the 21st Century Patent Coalition agree.

This bill has undergone months and months of scrutiny and compromise and is now ready for a vote. I hope you'll encourage the Majority Leader to schedule floor time for this reasonable reform measure.

If you need any more information about S. 507, please let me know.

Sincerely,

JOHN PALAFOUTAS,
Director, Federal Relations.

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY,
Palo Alto, CA, June 22, 1998.

Hon. PATRICK J. LEAHY,
U.S. Senate,
Russell Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR LEAHY: S. 507, the Omnibus Patent Act, has been reported out of the Judiciary Committee, but it appears that Majority Leader Lott needs some encouragement to schedule the bill for floor action. Hewlett-Packard Company strongly supports enactment of S. 507 and would appreciate your support in urging Senator Lott to put the bill on the calendar.

Enactment of S. 507 would assure that inventors can receive a full 17 years—or more—of patent protection if they pursue their patent claims in a timely manner. It would also streamline patent operations to expedite processing and accelerate the dissemination of new technologies for continuing advancement in products and services.

Significantly, S. 507 achieves these important goals without threatening a return to the "submarine patent" system that existed before the 1995 reform. Under the old policy, an inventor could manipulate the patent system to stretch the term even while withholding the new knowledge from society. Prior to 1995, inventors could wait until the technology had ripened, and then essentially extort license fees from another inventor who had independently, in good faith, created the same or a similar invention.

While "submarine patents" are infrequent, when they strike, they are egregious. In an HP case, for example, the company has paid millions of dollars in royalties to a Swedish inventor whose patent has expired in every other country except the United States. This inventor contributed nothing to the tech-

nology that is in use, in fact, he did not offer to work with the consortium that was developing the technology in an open-systems environment. A more thorough explanation of that case is attached for your review.

Senator Hatch and other supporters of S. 507 have worked diligently with small business and independent inventors to resolve concerns about the bill. It is a good compromise for a more effective patent system as we head into the 21st century. HP urges your support for S. 507 without weakening amendments that would revive the submarine patent system.

Sincerely,

LEW PLATT,
Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer.

U.S. FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 10TH

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute has reported that for the week ending July 10 that the U.S. imported 9,323,000 barrels of oil each day, 1,645,000 barrels a day more than the 7,678,000 imported during the same week a year ago.

Americans relied on foreign oil for 59.6 percent of their needs last week. There are no signs that the upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf War, the United States imported about 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970s, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

All Americans should ponder the economic calamity certain to occur in the U.S. if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the U.S.: now 9,323,000 barrels a day at a cost of approximately \$104,137,910 a day.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, July 15, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,529,722,681,857.67 (Five trillion, five hundred twenty-nine billion, seven hundred twenty-two million, six hundred eighty-one thousand, eight hundred fifty-seven dollars and sixty-seven cents).

One year ago, July 15, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,357,143,000,000 (Five trillion, three hundred fifty-seven billion, one hundred forty-three million).

Five years ago, July 15, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,333,088,000,000 (Four trillion, three hundred thirty-three billion, eighty-eight million).

Ten years ago, July 15, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,553,732,000,000 (Two trillion, five hundred fifty-three billion, seven hundred thirty-two million).

Fifteen years ago, July 15, 1983, the federal debt stood at \$1,329,911,000,000 (One trillion, three hundred twenty-nine billion, nine hundred eleven million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,199,811,681,857.67 (Four trillion, one hundred ninety-nine billion, eight hundred eighty-one thousand, eight hundred

fifty-seven dollars and sixty-seven cents) during the past 15 years.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSOR—S. 2022

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my name be added as a cosponsor of S. 2022, the Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998. Mr. President, inadvertently my name was left out and I was not included as a cosponsor on July 13, 1998, the day I spoke on the Senate floor urging the passage of this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF UMAS OF COLORADO

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I take this opportunity to recognize the 30th anniversary and reunion of the United Mexican-American Students of Colorado.

In July 1968, Mexican-American students at the University of Colorado at Boulder came together to discuss the formation of an organization committed to initiating change within the educational system to serve the needs of the Mexican-American community and to recruit minority students to the institution. The outcome of that meeting was the formation of the United Mexican-American Students (UMAS).

Later that same summer, fifty minority students were admitted into a tutorial program initiated by university professors and students to make higher education accessible to African American and Chicano students. UMAS students worked for the program. The Migrant Action Program also brought migrant workers into the university and they also became UMAS members.

A student referendum initiated and supported by UMAS was passed in March 1969 which dedicated five dollars from registration fees each semester to create scholarships for minority students. These funds and federal matching funds allowed UMAS to implement tutorial counseling, recruitment and financial aid programs. On-campus accredited summer remedial programs followed. Students who successfully completed those classes gained admission and earned financial aid.

UMAS has thrived on the Boulder Campus of the University of Colorado for three decades. This summer marks the thirtieth anniversary of the organization. To mark this important anniversary, UMAS alumni and supporters will come together to renew their commitment and unity.

Mr. President, I commend the work of UMAS students and alumni associations for their commitment and continuing efforts to serve deserving students on the Boulder campus of the University of Colorado. As someone who has experienced hardship, I sincerely appreciate the empowerment UMAS has offered to thousands of deserving students.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. McCathran, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6048. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Incorporation by Reference of Industry Standard on Leak Detection" (RIN21137-AD06) received on July 13, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6049. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company GE90 Series Turbofan Engines" (Docket 98-ANE-17-AD) received on July 13, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6050. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT9D Series Turbofan Engines" (Docket 97-ANE-04) received on July 13, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6051. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Limited, Aero Division-Bristol, S.N.E.C.M.A., Olympus 593 Series Turbojet Engines" (Docket 98-ANE-13-AD) received on July 13, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6052. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-31-AD) received on July 13, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6053. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area: Copper Canyon, Lake Havasu, Colorado" (Docket 11-97-010) received on July 13, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6054. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; World Series of Power Boat Racing on Mission Bay (formerly known as Thunderboat Regatta)" (Docket 11-98-009) received on July 13, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6055. A communication from the Aberdeen Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs,

Department of the Interior, transmitting a report on the Aberdeen Area Management, Accounting and Distribution Pilot Project; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-6056. A communication from the Director of the Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Worker Protection Management for DOE Federal and Contractor Employees" (DOE O 440.1A) received on July 8, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6057. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Warning and Notice Statement; Labeling of Juice Products" (RIN0910-AA43) received on July 14, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6058. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals for fiscal year 1998 dated July 13, 1998; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to the Committee on Finance, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-6059. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL6124-7) received on July 14, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6060. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pseudomonas Fluorescens Strain PRA-25; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL6016-7) received on July 14, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6061. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Myclobutanol; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6016-8) received on July 14, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6062. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fipronil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL5768-3) received on July 14, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6063. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the delegation of emission standard enforcement authority to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (FRL6123-4) received on July 14, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6064. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding perch fishery in the Eastern Aleutian Islands (Docket 971208298-8055-02) received on July 14, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6065. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance