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ANNOUNCEMENT

On January 22, 1969, a bill, S. 543, for general revision of the U. S. copyright law was introduced by Senator John L. McClellan, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The new bill is similar to the bill which was under consideration by the Subcommittee and was the subject of extensive hearings in the 90th Congress. A companion bill was passed, with certain amendments, by the House of Representatives in April 1967.

Made a part of S. 543, as Title II thereof, is a provision to establish in the Library of Congress a National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works. This measure, in the form of a separate bill, was passed by the Senate in October 1967 but was not acted upon by the House.

Senator McClellan stated, in his remarks made at the time of the introduction of the bill, 115 Cong. Rec. S664 (daily ed. Jan. 22, 1969), that the same text as the previous bill was introduced in order for the Subcommittee to resume its consideration at the point where it was suspended by the adjournment of the 90th Congress. He noted that the public hearings on this legislation were concluded during the 90th Congress and that any comments or proposed amendments not previously communicated should be submitted at the earliest possible time. In addition Senator McClellan reaffirmed his earlier statement that the Subcommittee would undertake to report a copyright revision bill at the earliest feasible date in this session of the 91st Congress.