

Announcement

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SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVES COPYRIGHT REVISION BILL

On December 10, 1969, the Subcommittee on Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights of the Senate Judiciary Committee approved S. 543, the bill for general revision of the copyright law, which will probably be considered by the full Judiciary Committee early next year. The bill was passed by the House of Representatives in April 1967, and has since that time been under consideration by the Subcommittee, whose chairman is Senator John L. McClellan.

The bill as approved by the Subcommittee, although similar in most of its features to the measure passed by the House, contains a number of important amendments and additions. These include provisions dealing with cable antenna television (CATV), the granting of a limited performers' right, and the establishment of a Copyright Royalty Tribunal. Moreover, a provision to create a National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works, originally a separate bill, has been made Title II of the general revision bill, and provisions for the protection of ornamental designs of useful articles, also previously a separate bill, have been added as Title III.

The Copyright Office has a limited number of copies of the bill and will be glad to supply one free on request as long as the supply lasts.