

Announcement

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NEW EXTENSION BILL PASSED BY SENATE

On June 30, 1972, the Senate passed S.J. Res. 247, which had been introduced on June 20 by Senator John L. McClellan. S.J. Res. 247 reads as follows:

JOINT RESOLUTION

Extending the duration of copyright protection in certain cases.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in any case in which the renewal term of copyright subsisting in any work on the date of approval of this resolution, or the term thereof as extended by Public Law 87-668, by Public Law 89-142, by Public Law 90-141, by Public Law 90-416, by Public Law 91-147, by Public Law 91-555, or by Public Law 92-170 (or by all or certain of said laws), would expire prior to December 31, 1974, such term is hereby continued until December 31, 1974.

The joint resolution provides for the automatic extension of copyrights in their renewal term that would otherwise expire on December 31, 1972. Seven earlier Acts of Congress have extended second-term copyrights which would have expired between September 19, 1962 and December 31, 1972, to the end of 1972. The present measure, if enacted, will further extend the duration of those copyrights to December 31, 1974, and will also extend to December 31, 1974, second-term copyrights that are due to expire during 1973 and 1974.