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are approved by the U.S. Green Building Council. The legislation also requires the Secretary of Defense to report back to Congress on establishing a goal for energy renewability on Guam. The major construction effort supporting the build-up should be conducted in the most environmentally friendly and energy efficient manner as possible.

The legislation also prioritizes the small business community in this military build-up. The bill contains a provision that would limit the Historically Underutilized Business Zone, HUB Zone, preference for work performed in excess of 150 miles from the primary office location of a HUBZone firm. This provision would ensure that construction projects benefit the local businesses and economy. Moreover, the legislation would authorize the establishment of a Procurement Technical Assistance Center, PTAC, on Guam to help local small businesses navigate the complexities and bureaucracy of Department of Defense contracting.

Finally, the legislation will require all contractors to certify their compliance with local tax and licensing requirements. The provision grants the contracting agent within the Department of Defense the ability to withhold final payments on contracts if the contractor is found to be delinquent in paying their local tax obligations. This provision is important to ensuring the Government of Guam will be able to collect revenue from this build-up and apply such revenue to make needed improvements to civilian infrastructure.

The military build-up on Guam presents many opportunities and many challenges. I firmly believe that the legislation I have introduced today with Mr. ABERCROMBIE will help facilitate congressional oversight and accountability of build-up activities as well as provide additional tools for the local government and businesses to make this build-up a success. This legislation addresses issues important to the people of Guam and would help to ensure the success of the military build-up both for

the Department of Defense and for the people of Guam.

PRIORITIZING RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

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OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this important legislation to strengthen our nation's laws against counterfeiting and intellectual property violations which passed the House yesterday.

Article I Section 8 of our Constitution lays the framework for our nation's copyright and patent laws. It grants Congress the power to award inventors and creators, for limited periods of time, exclusive rights to their inventions and works. The founding fathers realized that this type of incentive was crucial to ensure that America would become the world's leader in innovation and creativity. As we continue our journey into the digital age, we must be sure to continue to reward our innovators with the exclusive rights to their works for limited periods of time. This incentive is still necessary to maintain America's position as the world leader in innovation.

Because the United States has been the pioneer for intellectual property protections, it is no surprise that the copyright industries are so successful and play such an increasingly crucial role in our national economy. The U.S. copyright industries have created millions of high-skilled, high-paying U.S. jobs and have contributed billions to our economy. However, the proliferation of copyright piracy and counterfeiting in America is growing and is threatening to undermine the very copyright protections our founding fathers envisioned.

In 1999, I introduced legislation with my friend, Representative ZOE LOFGREN, to prohibit the alteration or removal of product identification codes on goods or packaging, prohibit the manufacture and distribution of devices primarily used to alter or remove product identification codes, and allow the seizure of decoded goods and decoding devices.

In addition, for the better part of the past six years I have been pleased to work with retailers and law enforcement agencies to attempt to solve the growing problem of organized retail crime, which has resulted in billions of dollars of loss to retailers, has often resulted in counterfeit, diverted products being placed back on store shelves, has threatened the safety of such products as baby formula and medicine, and has been linked to major organized crime rings.

I am equally pleased to be an original cosponsor of H.R. 4279. This legislation builds on current laws in many ways, including increasing penalties for both civil violations of copyright laws and repeat offenders, allowing treble damages in certain counterfeiting cases, and increasing the maximum penalties for trafficking in counterfeit goods when those offenses endanger public health and safety. The bill also raises the profile of intellectual property within the Administrative Branch by creating an Office of U.S. IP Enforcement Representative within the Executive Office of the President to coordinate all the various agencies and departments that work on IP enforcement issues, and to serve as the President's principal advisor for IP matters. In addition, it increases the number of IP liaisons from the PTO in U.S. embassies around the world and enhances DOJ's computer crime units to make sure they are equipped and being used to prosecute IP violations.

I believe this legislation is a major step in the right direction, and I look forward to continuing to work on this bill as it progresses through the legislative process.

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