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To authorize appropriations for the Patent and Trademark Office in the
Department of Commerce.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 18), 1985

Mr. MATHIAS (for himself and Mr. THURMOND) (by request) introduced the fol-
lowing bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Ju-
diciary

A BILL

To authorize appropriations for the Patent and Trademark
Office in the Department of Commerce.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That there are authorized to be appropriated for the payment

4 of salaries and necessary expenses of the Patent and Trade-

5 mark Office to become available for fiscal year 1986,

6 $84,739,000, and in fiscal years 1987 and 1988 such sums

7 as may be necessary as well as such additional or supplemen-

8 tal amounts as may be necessary, for increases in salary, pay,

9 retirement, or other employee benefits authorized by law.

10 Funds available under this Act shall be used to reduce by 50

1 per centum the payment of fees under section 41 (a) and (b)

2 of title 35, United States Code, by independent inventors and

3 nonprofit organizations as defined in regulations established

4 by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and by

5 small business concerns as defined in section 3 of the Small

6 Business Act and any subsequent legislation amending that

7 section or transferring responsibilities under that section and

8 by regulations established by the Small Business Administra-

9 tion or its successor. When so specified and to the extent

10 provided in an appropriation Act, any amount appropriated

11 pursuant to this Act and, in addition, such fees as shall be

12 collected pursuant to title 35, United States Code, and the

13 Trademark Act of 1946, as amended (15 U.S.C. 1051 et

14 seq.), may remain available without fiscal year limitation.

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