

Ozark Chemical Company
Tulsa, Oklahoma

*Patents Committee
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AIR MAIL

Hon. Claude Pepper
Chairman, Senate Patent Committee
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Pepper:

H. R. 3756 has been passed by the House of Representatives and is now in the hands of your Committee.

If this bill becomes law what protection does the owner of a patent have against wrongful and unfair use by competitors through greedy bureaucrats who may not be leak-proof where socialistic and questionable acquisition of property rights are involved under the cloak of idealism which they advocate?

No penalties are provided under Section 5 for wrongfully making available recorded agreements, by duly authorized officers of the U. S. Government or their underlings. This is more important than penalizing the owner for not recording.

The principal reason given for drafting the bill, viz., of minimizing the possibility of criminal prosecution of individuals responsible for unlawful agreements, is rather flimsy to cover up the possible and perhaps the real purposes of the bill.

The fact that the representatives of some of the large corporations strongly favor the bill may cause one to believe that they might gain more through passage of the bill, and it might be pointed out that in such situations the losses sustained by a small corporation or inventor would be relatively much larger.

Patent Rights are private property. They represent not only ingenuity in most cases but hard work, sacrifice and in some cases privation. However, such matters are considered lightly

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by those who advocate more government control and less freedom for the citizen. Our Constitution stands for protection of the rights of its citizens, not for bureaucratic control of them. And America has become great.

Is there no end to lawmaking that tries to legalize confiscation and distribution of property acquired the hard way by good citizens, to those whose chief interest in life is to tear down and use up things that belong to others?

We are against all such legislation and this bill in particular; it seems to be but a link in the chain of effort to appropriate and perhaps later confiscate private property. Let us encourage inventive genius. It has contributed much to our prosperity - it is not public property.

Respectfully,

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