



Patent Public Advisory Committee

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Status of Patent Reform



Status of Patent Reform Legislation

Senate Bill S. 515 (Introduced by Chairman Leahy) has been marked up and is awaiting floor time in the Senate.

House Bill H.R. 1260 (Introduced by Chairman Conyers) has not been marked up by the House Judiciary Committee.

The Administration has issued a views letter on October 5, 2009 outlining the Administration position on S. 515.



The Progress of Patent Reform Through the Legislative Process

Senate:

S. 515
Introduced
March 3, 2009



Jud. Comm.
Mark Up
April 2, 2009

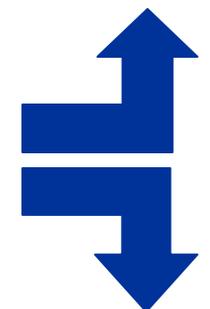


Floor
Consideration

Final
Passage



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House:

H.R. 1260
Introduced
March 3, 2009



Jud. Comm.
Mark Up
None Scheduled



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Status of Telework Legislation

- S. 707 – a government-wide telework bill with new flexibilities for the USPTO - has cleared the Senate Homeland Security Committee but has not been scheduled for floor action.
- H.R. 1722 – companion to S. 707 – has been introduced in the House but has not been considered by the House Oversight Committee.
- S. 515, the Patent Reform Bill – which includes a telework pilot program as well – has cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee but has not been scheduled for floor action.
- The USPTO fully supports having further flexibility as long as we can support nationwide telework both financially and through improvements to our information technology systems.