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Sirs, we strongly urge you not to update Patents. We urge you to completely BAN ALL Patents on Software Algorithms. They are simply text that tells a story.

Would you grant a Patent on "Gone with the Wind". That way no one would ever be able to use any of the alphabet or text within the book. Not only is that utter nonsense, but YOU know it's nonsense. That is what is extremely trying.

Perhaps a copyright for a VERY short time, but NEVER a patent. Software is so outdated within 3 years that if you even allowed copyright it should be extremely limited to perhaps 2 years.

Then we can get to the concept of Business Methods patents. Again, this should not exist period. You know why and do not need us to belabor it at length. Most thinking individuals know this. Such as the fools that are allowing patenting of tax law.

Sir, anyone is legally allowed to use any tax law on the books in any legal fashion...patent or no. They are for all to use. They are Federal Laws. End of story. Any business method or software patents should be immediately terminated, and the length of copyright reduced to 7 years.

Why am I still paying Ringo Starr for music he performed 40 years ago I am not paid for work I did 40 years ago. Where is the incentive for him to make more music. You have put him on WELFARE now, at my expense.

Why am I paying right for books that were written 60 years ago....and not even to the author, but to their grandson?

Will I get an explanation for such inane actions?

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