

are forced to concentrate their efforts on registering their trademarks only in certain major countries while pirates freely register their marks in other countries.

The Trademark Law Treaty will eliminate many of the arduous registration requirements of foreign countries by enacting a list of maximum requirements for trademark procedures. Eliminating needless formalities will be an enormous step in the direction of a rational trademark system which will benefit American business, especially smaller businesses, to expand into the international market more freely. Fortunately, the Trademark Law Treaty has already been signed by thirty-five countries, has already been ratified by ten countries including Japan and the United Kingdom, and has already been reported favorably to the full Senate by the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee.

As the United States is already in accordance with most of the Trademark Law Treaty requirements, the TLT Act would impose only minor changes to U.S. trademark law. The Patent and Trademark Office, the International Trademark Association and the American Intellectual Property Law Association have indicated their support for the TLT Act.

I hope the Senate will consider and pass this bill expeditiously.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 389

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 389, a bill to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 472

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 472, a bill to provide for referenda in which the residents of Puerto Rico may express democratically their preferences regarding the political status of the territory, and for other purposes.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to require that imported meat, and meat food products containing imported meat, bear a label identifying the country of origin.

S. 778

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 778, a bill to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 981, a bill to provide for analysis of major rules.

S. 1825

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1825, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide sufficient funding to assure a minimum size for honor guard details at funerals of veterans of the Armed Forces, to establish the minimum size of such details, and for other purposes.

S. 1868

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1868, a bill to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted for their faith worldwide; to authorize United States actions in response to religious persecution worldwide; to establish an Ambassador at Large on International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious Persecution, and a Special Adviser on International Religious Freedom within the National Security Council; and for other purposes.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to restore the standards used for determining whether technical workers are not employees as in effect before the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

S. 2092

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2092, a bill to promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

S. 2110

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2110, a bill to authorize the Federal programs to prevent violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2128

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2128, a bill to clarify the authority of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the collection of fees to process certain identification records and name checks, and for other purposes.

S. 2162

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2162, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to more accurately codify the depreciable life of printed wiring board and printed wiring assembly equipment.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 49

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of

Senate Joint Resolution 49, a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to protect human life.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 50, a joint resolution to disapprove the rule submitted by the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services on June 1, 1998, relating to surety bond requirements for home health agencies under the medicare and medicaid programs.

SENATE RESOLUTION 251—CONGRATULATING THE DETROIT RED WINGS ON WINNING THE 1998 NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. ABRAHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 251

Whereas on June 16, 1998, the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Washington Capitals, 4-1, in Game 4 of the championship series;

Whereas this victory marks the second year in a row that the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup in a four game sweep;

Whereas the Stanley Cup took its first trip around the rink in the lap of Vladimir Konstantinov, the Red Wing defenseman who was seriously injured in an accident less than a week after Detroit won the Cup last year;

Whereas Vladi and his wife Irina, whose strength and courage are a source of pride and inspiration to our entire community are an exemplary Red Wings family and Vladi's battle is an inspiration to all Americans;

Whereas Marian and Mike Ilitch, the owners of the Red Wings and community leaders in Detroit and Michigan, have brought the Stanley Cup back to Detroit yet again;

Whereas the Red Wings, as one of the original six NHL teams, have always held a special place in the hearts of all Michiganders;

Whereas it was a profound source of pride for Detroit when the Wings brought the Cup back to Detroit in 1954 and 1955, the last time the Wings won consecutive NHL championships;

Whereas today, Detroit continues to provide Red Wings fans with hockey greatness and Detroit, otherwise known as "Hockeytown, U.S.A." is home to the most loyal fans in the world;

Whereas the Red Wings are indebted to Head Coach Scotty Bowman, who has brought the Red Wings to the playoffs 3 times in the last 4 years, and with this year's victory, has earned his eighth Stanley Cup victory, tying him with his mentor Toe Blake for the most championships in league history;

Whereas the Wings are also lucky to have the phenomenal leadership of Team Captain Steve Yzerman, who in his fifteenth season in the NHL, received the Conn Smythe Trophy, given to the most valuable player in the NHL playoffs;

Whereas each one of the Red Wings will be remembered on the premier sports trophy, the Stanley Cup, including Slava Fetisov, Bob Rouse, Nick Lidstrom, Igor Larionov, Mathieu Dandenault, Slava Kozlov, Brendan Shanahan, Dmitri Mironov, Doug Brown, Kirk Maltby, Steve Yzerman, Martin