

however, that many complex and interrelated issues were involved. All of these issues could not be given appropriate consideration in the time available. On April 29, 1998, at the conclusion of the discussions, the Copyright Office submitted its recommendations to Senators Hatch, Leahy and Ashcroft in the form of statutory language for a narrow amendment to 17 U.S.C. 110(2), and a proposal for a study of the issues involved in interactive digital distance education. Rather than amending section 110(2) in the DMCA, the Senate mandated a broad study of the overall subject by the Copyright Office. Such a study was also incorporated into the version of the bill passed by the House.

On October 28, 1998, H.R. 2281, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, was enacted into law. Section 403 requires that the Copyright Office consult with representatives of copyright owners, nonprofit educational institutions, and nonprofit libraries and archives, and thereafter to submit to Congress recommendations on how to promote distance education through digital technologies, including interactive digital networks, while maintaining an appropriate balance between the rights of copyright owners and the interests of users. Such recommendations may include legislative changes.

The Register of Copyrights has been instructed to consider:

(1) The need for an exemption from exclusive rights of copyright owners for distance education through digital networks;

(2) The categories of works to be included under any distance education exemption;

(3) The extent of appropriate quantitative limitations on the portions of work that may be used under any distance education exemption;

(4) The parties who should be entitled to the benefits of any distance education exemption;

(5) The parties who should be designated as eligible recipients of distance education materials under any distance education exemption;

(6) Whether and what types of technological measures can or should be employed to safeguard against unauthorized access to, and use or retention of, copyrighted materials as a condition of eligibility for any distance education exemption, including, in light of developing technological capabilities, the exemption set out in section 110(2) of title 17, United States Code;

(7) The extent to which the availability of licenses for the copyrighted works in distance education through interactive digital

networks should be considered in assessing eligibility for any distance education exemption; and

(8) Such other issues relating to distance education through interactive digital networks that the Register considers appropriate.

Request for Information

The Copyright Office is initiating its study of the issues related to the promotion of distance education through digital technologies. In order to assist in planning and establishing parameters for the study, the Office is hereby seeking identification of any potentially interested parties and the issues with which they may be concerned. After this preliminary information is gathered, the Office will determine what additional activities are helpful and appropriate. Such additional activities may include consultations and public meetings, as well as the submission of formal statements.

Written submissions will be accepted from all interested parties. While there is no prescribe format for these initial informational statements, any written submission should include the interested party's name, title, organization, mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address, if available, and a list and short description of any issues that he or she considers relevant and important.

Marybeth Peters,

Register of Copyrights.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The NCUA is submitting the following extension of a currently approved collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This information collection is published to obtain comments from the public.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until January 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to NCUA Clearance Officer or OMB Reviewer listed below:

Clearance Officer: Mr. James L. Baylen
(703) 518-6411, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428, Fax No. 703-518-6433, E-mail: jbaylen@ncua.gov

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt
(202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the information collection request, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the NCUA Clearance Officer, James L. Baylen, (703) 518-6411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To ensure that federal credit unions make safe and sound investments, the rule requires that they establish written investment policies and review them annually, document details of the individual investments monthly, ensure adequate broker/dealer selection criteria and record credit decisions regarding deposits in certain financial institutions.

OMB Number: 3133-0133.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: 12 CFR 703 Investment and Deposit Activities.

Respondents: 6,900.

Estimated No. of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 6,900.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 42.8 hours.

Frequency of Response: Other.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 295,481.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: N/A.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on November 1, 1998.

Becky Baker,

Secretary of the Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Networking Infrastructure; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Networking Infrastructure Research (#1207).

Date & time: December 14 and 15, 1998; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Place: Room 1120, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.