

(c) **BADGE OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.**—The term of a certain design patent numbered 92,187 (for the badge of the Sons of the American Legion) is renewed and extended for a period of 14 years beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, with all the rights and privileges pertaining to such patent.

**SEC. 8. INTERVENING RIGHTS.**

The renewals and extensions of the patents under section 6 shall not result in infringement of any such patent on account of any use of the subject matter of the patent, or substantial preparation for such use, which began after the patent expired, but before the date of the enactment of this Act.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read:

“A bill to authorize appropriations for the Patent and Trademark Office in the Department of Commerce for fiscal year 1994, and for other purposes.”.

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby said Senate amendment was agreed to with an amendment and the title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered.* That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendments.

¶137.24 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—  
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

On motion of Mr. FAZIO, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered.* That it may be in order on Saturday, November 20, 1993, for the Speaker to recognize Members for motions to suspend the rules under clause 1, rule XXVII, on the following measures: H.R. 1133, Violence Against Women; H.R. 324, Crimes Against Children Registration Act; H.R. 3378, International Parental Kidnaping; H.R. 3098, Youth Handgun Safety; H.R. 1237, National Child Protection Act; H.R. 783, Nationality and Naturalization Act; H.R. 897, Copyright Reform Act; H.R. 3515, Omnibus Agriculture Research and Promotion Improvements Act; H.R. 2811, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Atmospheric and Satellite Program Authorization; H.R. 1994, Environmental Research and Development and Demonstration Authorization Act; H.R. 3512, National Environmental Policy Act administrative reorganization amendments; H.R. 3402, Fountain Darter Captive Propagation Research Act of 1993; H.R. 2457, the Winter Run Chinook Salmon Captive Broodstock Act of 1993; H.R. 3509, Governing International Fisheries Agreement Between the United States and Russia; H.R. 58, Merchant Marine Memorial Enhancement Act of 1993; H.R. 1250, United States Flag Passenger Vessel Act of 1993; H.R. 3474, Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1993; H.R. 2960, Amendments to the Competitiveness Policy Council Act; H.R. 2921, Authorize Appropriations for Restoration of Historic Buildings at Black Universities; H.R. 2947, 2-year Extension of Authorization for Black Revolutionary War Memorial; H.R. 486, Harry Truman National Historic Site in Missouri; H.R. 3505, Developmental Disabilities Reauthorization; H.R. 3216, Domestic

Chemical Diversion Control Act; H. Con. Res. 131, Regarding Sudan; and H. Con. Res. 175, Antiboycott Resolution.

¶137.25 **REA OVERSIGHT REGULATIONS**

On motion of Mr. DE LA GARZA, by unanimous consent, the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union was discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3514) to clarify the regulatory oversight exercised by the Rural Electrification Administration with respect to certain electric borrowers.

When said bill was considered and read twice.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered.* That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶137.26 **SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE  
REPORT—H.R. 1268**

Mr. MILLER of California submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 103-383) on the bill (H.R. 1268) to assist the development of tribal judicial systems, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶137.27 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—  
CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE  
REPORT ON H.R. 1267**

On motion of Mr. MILLER of California, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered.* That, notwithstanding the provisions of clause 2 of rule XXVIII, it may be in order for the House to immediately consider the conference report on the bill (H.R. 1268) to assist the development of tribal judicial systems, and for other purposes; and said conference report shall be considered as read when called up.

¶137.28 **TRIBAL JUDICIAL SYSTEMS**

Mr. MILLER of California, pursuant to the foregoing order of the House, called up the following conference report (Rept. No. 103-383):

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1268) to assist the development of tribal judicial systems, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Indian Tribal Justice Act”.

**SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) there is a government-to-government relationship between the United States and each Indian tribe;

(2) the United States has a trust responsibility to each tribal government that includes the protection of the sovereignty of each tribal government;

(3) Congress, through statutes, treaties, and the exercise of administrative authorities, has recognized the self-determination, self-reliance, and inherent sovereignty of Indian tribes;

(4) Indian tribes possess the inherent authority to establish their own form of government, including tribal justice systems;

(5) tribal justice systems are an essential part of tribal governments and serve as important forums for ensuring public health and safety and the political integrity of tribal governments;

(6) Congress and the Federal courts have repeatedly recognized tribal justice systems as the appropriate forums for the adjudication of disputes affecting personal and property rights;

(7) traditional tribal justice practices are essential to the maintenance of the culture and identity of Indian tribes and to the goals of this Act;

(8) tribal justice systems are inadequately funded, and the lack of adequate funding impairs their operation; and

(9) tribal government involvement in and commitment to improving tribal justice systems is essential to the accomplishment of the goals of this Act.

**SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

For purposes of this Act:

(1) The term “Bureau” means the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior.

(2) The term “Courts of Indian Offenses” means the courts established pursuant to part 11 of title 25, Code of Federal Regulations.

(3) The term “Indian tribe” means any Indian tribe, band, nation, pueblo, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native entity, which administers justice under its inherent authority or the authority of the United States and which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indian tribes because of their status as Indians.

(4) The term “judicial personnel” means any judge, magistrate, court counselor, court clerk, court administrator, bailiff, probation officer, officer of the court, dispute resolution facilitator, or other official, employee, or volunteer within the tribal justice system.

(5) The term “Office” means the Office of Tribal Justice Support within the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(6) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(7) The term “tribal organization” means any organization defined in section 4(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

(8) The term “tribal justice system” means the entire judicial branch, and employees thereof, of an Indian tribe, including (but not limited to) traditional methods and forums for dispute resolution, lower courts, appellate courts (including intertribal appellate courts), alternative dispute resolution systems, and circuit rider systems, established by inherent tribal authority whether or not they constitute a court of record.

**TITLE I—TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS**

**SEC. 101. OFFICE OF TRIBAL JUSTICE SUPPORT.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is hereby established within the Bureau the Office of Tribal Justice Support. The purpose of the Office shall be to further the development, operation, and enhancement of tribal justice systems and Courts of Indian Offenses.

(b) **TRANSFER OF EXISTING FUNCTIONS AND PERSONNEL.**—All functions performed before the date of the enactment of this Act by the Branch of Judicial Services of the Bureau and all personnel assigned to such Branch as of the date of the enactment of this Act are