

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Senator
FROM: Joe
DATE: September 14, 1979
RE: Hearings on S. 1679, the Patent Reexamination bill
cc: Kevin, Mary, Linda, Tom, Eve, Jim, Bob, Ann M., Leg (2), Indiana Dept.

Yesterday, representatives of the American Patent Law Association, the A.B.A., and the National Small Business Administration met with the Justice Department to discuss your bill S. 1679. The result was that the Justice Department seems to be generally favorable to the bill and should not be an obstacle to its passage.

This bill appeals to the patent bar, universities, large and small businesses and individual inventors and I cannot see any significant opposition to its passage. Patent reexamination is a very important business issue and you are getting a lot of recognition in the business community for your efforts.

I would like to schedule one day of hearings this fall on the bill and think that it should be able to be reported out of the Committee fairly quickly. I have talked with Hohn Minor of Sen. Kennedy's staff about this and he was favorably disposed to the bill. Kevin has talked with Rep. Kastenmeier's staff about the companion bill which is in Kastenmeier's Subcommittee and the feeling was that this was a good bill which should fly.

If we were able to hold a day of hearings before November it would be a big hit if you talked about it to the Chicago Patent Law Association which has asked you to speak on November 7. We could put together some very powerful witnesses favoring your bill.

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