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Today’s Agenda

- How a Bill Becomes a Law
- How Statutes Are Published
- How to Locate All the Documents Created In Between
- How This Will Make Your Boss More Pleasant to Be Around All Summer
How a Bill Becomes a Law

- This review focuses on the federal legislative process.
- Individual states may vary in their legislative processes, especially in the general availability of legislative history materials.
1. Someone gets a bright IDEA.

The current term of copyright protection is way too short!

--1996

Sonny Bono
of Palm Springs (44th District)
Republican—2d term
2. BILL is introduced on floor.

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 2589

AN ACT

To amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes.

3 SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

4 This title may be referred to as the “Sonny Bono

5 Copyright Term Extension Act”.

3. Bill is referred to committee.

- Committee assignment based on subject matter.
- Most bills “die” in committee.
- But those that survive usually generate a few reports, which contain section-by-section analyses of its provisions.
- Reports are generally considered the most “authoritative” legislative history material.
Mr. COBLE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

together with

ADDITIONAL VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 2589]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2589) to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

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The committee may also hold hearings, in which interested parties are invited to testify or submit statements.

(Disclaimer A: Not all hearings are published. Or put on C-SPAN.)

(Disclaimer B: The subjects of the photo at right are most likely not testifying about copyright term extensions.)
4. Bill released to full chamber.

- There may be debates on the floor.

**Congressional Record**
(3/25/1998)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in reluctant support of this rule, but I do support H.R. 2589, the Copyright Term Extension Act. H.R. 2589 seeks to provide important protections for American copyright holders in the world marketplace. This legislation will extend the term of copyright protection for many works.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, the Copyright Term Extension Act makes an important correction in our existing law to ensure that the intellectual property of artists across this land is protected, that it is not raided and misappropriated by people around the world to their benefit, without compensation to the original owner.

It is therefore particularly contradictory and ironic that this rule will attach and permit attachment to this protection of intellectual property, what many people have come to call the Music Theft Act, a measure that is a separate freestanding piece of legislation that has nothing to do with copyright extension, but is being attached to the most convenient vehicle to steal the intellectual property of thousands of small businesspeople who are songwriters in this land.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time, and it may surprise and scare the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT) but I actually agree with him on this issue and he is shocked. I
4., continued

- There may be a vote.
- If the bill passes in one chamber, it goes to the other. Process starts again.
- *In this case, the House suspended its rules and passed the Senate version of the bill (S. 505).*
5. Different versions reconcile.

- If bill was amended in its trip to the other chamber, or the other chamber adopts its own version, they must be reconciled into a final version.
- This is done through a conference committee, made up of reps from both chambers.
6. Final bill approved in both.

- Sent to President for approval or veto.
- President may issue a “signing statement” at this time. (In this case, he did not. A related example:)

Statement on Signing the Digital Millennium Copyright Act
October 28, 1998

Today I am pleased to sign into law H.R. 2281, the “Digital Millennium Copyright Act.” This Act implements two landmark treaties that were successfully negotiated by my Administration in 1996 and to which the Senate gave its advice and consent to ratification on October 21, 1998. The Act also limits the liability of online service providers for copyright infringement under certain conditions.

The World Intellectual Property Organization

Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents / Public Papers of the Presidents
7. Bill becomes a public law.

PUBLIC LAW 105–298—OCT. 27, 1998

Public Law 105–298
105th Congress

An Act

To amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be referred to as the “Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act”.
How Statutes Are Published

- Public laws are first issued as “slip laws” (individual pamphlets), in paper and online.
- Slip laws are then compiled into session laws, a bound volume of public laws in chronological order.
- Session laws eventually re-arranged into a code, a subject-based arrangement of all public laws which are currently in force.
Session Laws

- **Official**: *Statutes at Large* (cited as Stat.)
  Available 1789-present in: Lexis/Westlaw; HeinOnline (PDF); Law Library Federal Alcove

- **Unofficial**: U.S.C.C.A.N. (includes selected legislative history materials)
  Available 1941-present in: Westlaw; Federal Alcove
Codes

Official: U.S. Code
- Published by Government Printing Office every six years…sort of.
- No annotations or “added value” material (references to secondary sources, etc.)

Unofficial:
Codes

- Codes are divided into “Titles” (50 in U.S.C.)
- “Title 9” of U.S.C. ≠ “Title IX”!
  - Titles with Roman numerals are internal to a session law.
- A single session law may end up being codified across many different sections of the Code (“scattered”).
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Chapter 3. Duration of Copyright (Refs & Annos)
§ 302. Duration of copyright: Works created on or after January 1, 1978

(a) In General.--Copyright in a work created on or after January 1, 1978, subsists from its creation and, except as provided by the following subsections, endures for a term consisting of the life of the author and 70 years after the author's death.

(b) Joint Works.--In the case of a joint work prepared by two or more authors who did not work for hire, the copyright endures for a term consisting of the life of the last surviving author and 70 years after such last surviving author's death.

(c) Anonymous Works, Pseudonymous Works, and Works Made for Hire.--In the case of an anonymous work, a pseudonymous work, or a work made for hire, the copyright endures for a term of 95 years from the year of its first publication, or a term of 120 years from the year of its creation, whichever expires first. If, before the end of such term, the identity of one or more of the authors of an anonymous or pseudonymous work is revealed in the records of a registration made for that work under subsections (a) or (d) of section 408, or in the records provided by this subsection, the remaining anonymous or pseudonymous author's term continues to run for a total of 70 years from the year of the last such registration or record.
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**Public Law Number:** 105–298

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112 Stat. 2827

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Manz, William H.

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Published: 1999

This set includes three important pieces of copyright legislation that passed the 105th Congress. The first is the "No Electronic Theft Act" which holds individuals liable for the distribution of copyrighted software even when there is no financial gain. The second act is the "Copyright Term Extension" which brought the U.S. more in-line with Western Europe's copyright laws. The final act in this set is the "Digital Millennium Copyright Act" which primarily focuses on modern technology concerns regarding computers, the Internet, and copyright.

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- Nimmer on Copyright
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Administrative Law by Alfred C. Aman, Jr. and William T. Mayton, 2nd ed. 2001 (Reading 601).
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- Remember to make note of the P.L. number & original bill numbers.
- Find citations to LH documents
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COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION ACT

DATE: March 18, 1998. Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

SPONSOR: Mr. Coble submitted the following report together with ADDITIONAL VIEWS
To accompany H.R. 2589)
(Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office)
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H.R.2589
Title: To amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes.
Related Bills: H.RES.390, H.R.789, S.505
Latest Major Action: 3/26/1998 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
House Reports: 105-452

ALL ACTIONS: (Floor Actions/Congressional Record Page References)

10/1/1997:
   Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
3/3/1998:
   Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
3/4/1998:
   Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
3/4/1998:
   Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
3/26/1998:
   For Further Action See S.505.
3/18/1998 2:44pm:
   Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 105-452.
3/18/1998 2:45pm:
   Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 258.
3/24/1998 6:24pm:
   Rules Committee Resolution H.Res. 390 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2589 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. Measure will be considered read. Bill is open to amendments.
3/25/1998 10:56am:
   Rule H.Res. 390 passed House.
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