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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 24 -- Patent Cooperation Treaty -- which incorporates into United States law the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

The provisions in the bill are:

- (1) authorizes the U. S. Patent Office to receive and process international patent applications by U. S. nationals and by persons from other member countries.
- (2) authorizes, but does not require, the Patent Office to become an International Searching Authority for applications filed in foreign Receiving Offices.
- (3) provides that an international application designating the U. S. as a country in which a patent is being sought is considered to be a national application regularly filed in the U. S. on the international filing date, irrespective of the country in which it was originally filed.
- (4) provides that either an international application designating the U. S. , or a regularly filed foreign application, shall have all the rights of priority in the United States.
- (5) provides that an international application designating several countries including the United States may be withdrawn from the U. S. for failure to meet certain national requirements. However, the foreign inventor may still claim a prior right of the withdrawn patent against U. S. patents.

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