

ABSTRACTS

Since the emergence of WTO, the threat through a bilateral negotiation has been lessening, but the U.S intellectual property policy still influences the policy in Korea. An indicator showing the U.S. intellectual property policy is a bill yearly submitted to the Congress. This paper reviews the U.S. position surrounding copyright protection through copyright related bills. In 2009 and 2008, Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act is outstanding. As the Act composed of 5 titles strengthens civil and criminal remedy for intellectual property protection, specially both civil and criminal forfeiture are provided in the same criminal provision and illegal fixation of a copyrighted work is penalized. Moreover, Webcaster Settlement Act on the royalty rate negotiation between parties and Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendment Act of 2008 clarifying the concept of hull and deck are legislated, and International Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement Act, Design Piracy Prohibition Act and so on were introduced before the Congress. Reviewing these Acts and bills, it seems that the U.S. government takes up a more aggressive position now than in any other times. It is expected that such an aggressive position will be reinforced in the future.

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