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ACTION

Bill introduced by Mr. McClellan

UNFAIR COMPETITION ACT OF 1966

Mr McCLELLAN Mr President, by request, as chairman of the Subcommittee on Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights of the Committee on the Judiciary, I introduce, for appropriate reference, a bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 This measure which is to be cited as the Unfair Competition Act of 1966 has been drafted by the National Coordinating Committee on Trademark and Unfair Competition Matters, composed of a number of bar and business associations.

The basic purpose of the legislation is to create a Federal statutory law of unfair competition affecting interstate commerce, within the framework of the Lanham Trademark Act of 1946 The bill would accomplish this purpose mainly by expanding section 43(a) of that act, which already creates a statutory claim for relief from false designations of origin or false representations as to goods sold in interstate commerce, to include other torts commonly recognized as part of the law of unfair competition Relief against those torts would be available in accordance with the existing remedies now set forth in the Lanham Act.

I introduce this bill to facilitate study of this important subject I have reached no final decision concerning its provisions I invite those who are interested to submit comments to the Subcommittee on Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights

The VICE PRESIDENT The bill will be received and appropriately referred

The bill (S 3681) to amend the act to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, to carry out the provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes, introduced by Mr McCLELLAN, by request, was received, read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary