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A N N O U N C E M E N T

National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works. On October 16, 1967, the Senate passed S. 2216, a bill which establishes in the Library of Congress a National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works. The bill was then referred to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

The purpose of the Commission is to study and compile data on the reproduction and use of copyrighted works of authorship (1) in automatic systems capable of storing, processing, retrieving and transferring information, and (2) by various forms of machine reproduction.

The 23-member Commission will include the Librarian of Congress as chairman, two members of the Senate, two members of the House of Representatives, seven members selected from authors and other copyright owners, seven members selected from users of copyrighted works, and four nongovernmental members selected from the general public.

The bill directs the Commission to make recommendations to the President and the Congress concerning such changes in copyright law or procedures as may be necessary to assure access to copyrighted works and to provide recognition of the rights of copyright owners.