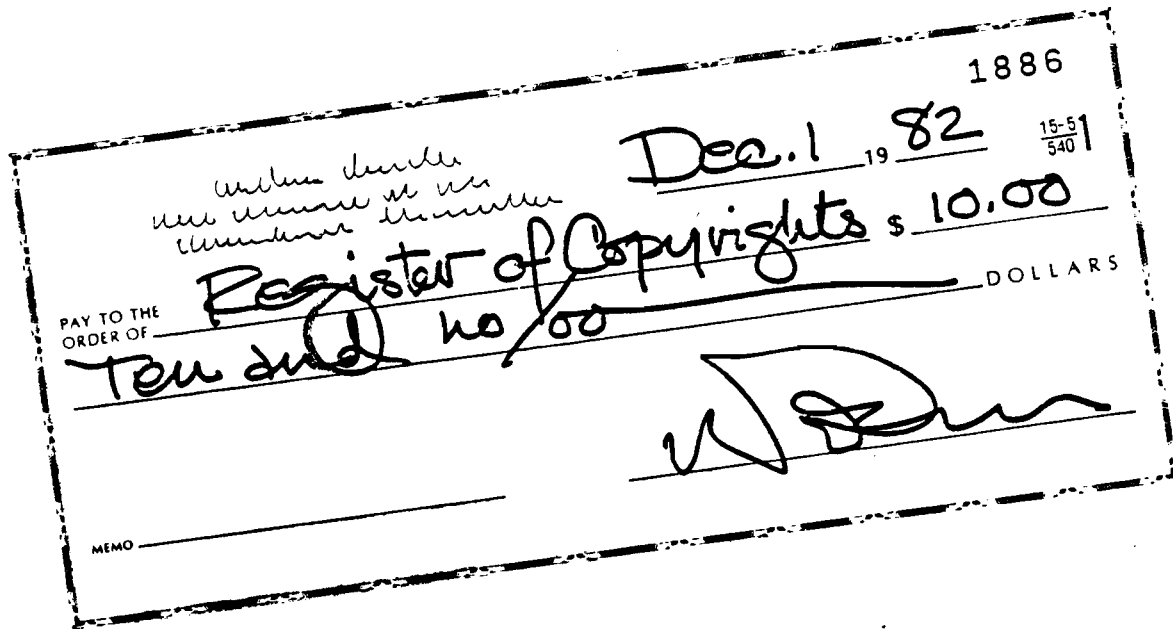


ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM THE COPYRIGHT OFFICE, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20559



CHANGE IN COPYRIGHT OFFICE POLICY: NON-REFUNDABLE COPYRIGHT REGISTRATION FILING FEE

During 1982, the United States Congress amended the copyright law, title 17, section 708 of chapter 7, United States Code, to provide for a non-refundable filing fee for copyright registrations; the legislation, signed by President Reagan on October 26, 1982, will become effective November 24, 1982.

As a result of this legislative change, the \$10.00 copyright registration fee (and the \$6.00 copyright renewal claim fee) will become non-refundable fees charged for filing copyright applications; the fee will be retained for all applications, whether original, renewal, or supplementary, whether or not registration of copyright is ultimately made.

The change will save the Copyright Office, and ultimately the public, many thousands of dollars each year; because processing applications which require refunds is actually more costly and complicated than processing effective applications, the filing fee will now reflect more accurately the true cost of registration processing. The change to a filing fee will also aid the Copyright Office as it moves to automated tracking of registrations.

Most affected by the change will be the Deposit Account Holders, (persons or organizations who maintain deposit accounts in the Copyright Office against which

copyright registrations may be charged). It will be extremely important for Deposit Account Holders to keep their accounts current as copyright registration fees cannot be charged to these accounts unless there are adequate funds in them.

Note: If you are filing an application for copyright registration in the Copyright Office, you will not receive an acknowledgment that your application has been received, but you can expect:

- A letter or telephone call from a copyright examiner if further information is needed; and
- A certificate of registration to indicate the work has been registered, or if the application cannot be accepted, a letter explaining why it has been rejected. You will not receive a refund of the \$10.00 application fee (\$6.00 for a renewal application).

You may not receive any of these until 90 days have passed.

If you want to know when the Copyright Office receives your application, you should send it via registered or certified mail and request a return receipt.

For further information, write to the Information and Publications Section, LM-455, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559.