



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

August 4, 2000

**H.R. 4870
Intellectual Property Technical Amendments Act of 2000**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 25, 2000

H.R. 4870 would make a number of minor corrections to current patent, copyright, and trademark law. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4870 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 4870 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 4870 would add the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) to the list of agencies that are authorized to have a Chief Financial Officer. The bill also would change the process that individuals can use to request that the PTO reexamine evidence related to a previous patent examination. In addition, the bill would make technical changes to law governing international patent applications. CBO estimates that these provisions would have a negligible impact on spending by the Patent and Trademark Office.

The CBO staff contact is Kenneth Johnson. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.