

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERS OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1249, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. PETERS OF MICHIGAN AND MR.
RENACCI OF OHIO**

Page 139, insert the following after line 12 and re-designate succeeding sections (and conform the table of contents) accordingly:

1 **SEC. 29. USPTO STUDY ON INTERNATIONAL PATENT PRO-**
2 **TECTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.**

3 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Director, in consulta-
4 tion with the Secretary of Commerce and the Adminis-
5 trator of the Small Business Administration, shall, using
6 the existing resources of the Office, carry out a study—

7 (1) to determine how the Office, in coordination
8 with other Federal departments and agencies, can
9 best help small businesses with international patent
10 protection; and

11 (2) whether, in order to help small businesses
12 pay for the costs of filing, maintaining, and enforce-
13 ing international patent applications, there should be
14 established either—

15 (A) a revolving fund loan program to make
16 loans to small businesses to defray the costs of

1 such applications, maintenance, and enforce-
2 ment and related technical assistance; or

3 (B) a grant program to defray the costs of
4 such applications, maintenance, and enforce-
5 ment and related technical assistance.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall issue a
8 report to the Congress containing—

9 (1) all findings and determinations made in car-
10 rying out the study required under subsection (a);

11 (2) a statement of whether the determination
12 was made that—

13 (A) a revolving fund loan program de-
14 scribed under subsection (a)(2)(A) should be es-
15 tablished;

16 (B) a grant program described under sub-
17 section (a)(2)(B) should be established; or

18 (C) neither such program should be estab-
19 lished; and

20 (3) any legislative recommendations the Direc-
21 tor may have developed in carrying out such study.

