

Comment Of Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.),
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee,
On Final Passage Of The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act,
September 8, 2011

“The America Invents Act is a true jobs bill at a time when we need it the most. After six long years of debate spanning three Congresses and two administrations, it is finally set to become law. This is bipartisan, commonsense legislation that will spur the innovation that drives the American economy.

“Chairman Smith has been a true partner in our joint effort to enact meaningful patent reform legislation. I have been grateful for his partnership and support, and commend his work in the House to move this bill forward. I commend Senator Hatch, Senator Grassley, and Senator Kyl for their commitment to this important bill. The America Invents Act shows what we can accomplish when we cast aside political ideology, and work together for the American people.

“The creativity that drives our economic engine has made America the global leader in invention and innovation. The America Invents Act will ensure that inventors large and small maintain the competitive edge that has put America at the pinnacle of global innovation. This is historic legislation. It is good policy. And it is long overdue to be signed into law.”

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