

House Calendar No. 127

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 1285

[Report No. 117-520]

Requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives relating to a waiver of intellectual property commitments under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. BRADY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Reported adversely from the Committee on Ways and Means, referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed

RESOLUTION

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- 1 *Resolved*, That the President is requested to transmit
- 2 to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days
- 3 after the date of the adoption of this resolution, copies

1 of all documents, memoranda, advisory legal opinions,
2 notes from meetings, audio recordings, records (including
3 telephone and electronic mail records), correspondence, or
4 other communications, or any portion of any such commu-
5 nications, to the extent that any such one or more items
6 are within the possession of the President, that dem-
7 onstrate—

8 (1) the waiver of intellectual property commit-
9 ments under the World Trade Organization Agree-
10 ment on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Prop-
11 erty Rights (in this resolution referred to as
12 “TRIPS waiver”) that was agreed to on June 17,
13 2022, will increase global supply and delivery of
14 COVID–19 vaccines;

15 (2) the extent to which COVID–19 vaccines
16 have been destroyed due to their expiration and the
17 period during which this occurred;

18 (3) the proposed expansion of the TRIPS waiv-
19 er to cover intellectual property related to
20 diagnostics and therapeutics (in this resolution re-
21 ferred to as the “proposed TRIPS waiver expan-
22 sion”) will increase global supply and delivery of
23 COVID–19 diagnostics or therapeutics;

1 (4) the TRIPS waiver or the proposed TRIPS
2 waiver expansion will accelerate the end of the
3 COVID–19 pandemic; and

4 (5) the People’s Republic of China will not ob-
5 tain access to patents or other intellectual property
6 related to COVID–19 vaccines, diagnostics, or thera-
7 peutics, even if China is expressly excluded from the
8 TRIPS waiver or the proposed TRIPS waiver expan-
9 sion.

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