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H. J. RES. 116

To recognize the rights of consumers to use copyright protected works, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COX introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JOINT RESOLUTION

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protected works, and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Joint Resolution may be referred to as the
5 “Consumer Technology Bill of Rights”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that, with respect to all
8 electronic media in United States commerce, consumers
9 who legally acquire copyrighted and non-copyrighted

1 works should be free to use these works in non-commercial
2 ways. The enumeration of rights in section 3, which shall
3 be known as the Consumer Technology Bill of Rights, sets
4 forth the rights of all Americans to personal control of
5 information and entertainment content they have lawfully
6 acquired and from which they do not intend to profit.

7 **SEC. 3. ENUMERATION OF RIGHTS.**

8 The following are the rights of consumers in legally
9 acquired copyrighted and non-copyrighted works:

10 (1) Users have the right to record legally ac-
11 quired video or audio for later viewing or listening
12 (popularly referred to as “time-shifting”).

13 (2) Users have the right to use legally acquired
14 content in different places (popularly referred to as
15 “space-shifting”).

16 (3) Users have the right to archive or make
17 backup copies of their content for use in the event
18 that the original copies are destroyed.

19 (4) Users have the right to use legally acquired
20 content on the electronic platform or device of their
21 choice.

22 (5) Users have the right to translate legally ac-
23 quired content into comparable formats.

- 1 (6) Users have the right to use technology in
- 2 order to achieve the rights enumerated in para-
- 3 graphs (1) through (5).

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