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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 the Congress that United States
8 copyright law should not prohibit a consumer of informa-
9 tion or entertainment content distributed via electronic
10 media from engaging in the reasonable, personal, and non-

1 commercial exercise of the rights described in section 3
2 with respect to works that the consumer has legally ac-
3 quired.

4 **SEC. 3. ENUMERATION OF RIGHTS.**

5 The following rights are the rights to which section
6 2 refers:

7 (1) The right to record legally acquired video or
8 audio for later viewing or listening (popularly re-
9 ferred to as “time-shifting”).

10 (2) The right to use legally acquired content in
11 different places (popularly referred to as “space-
12 shifting”).

13 (3) The right to archive or make backup copies
14 of legally acquired content for use in the event that
15 the original copies are destroyed.

16 (4) The right to use legally acquired content on
17 the electronic platform or device of the consumer’s
18 choice.

19 (5) The right to translate legally acquired con-
20 tent into comparable formats.

21 (6) The right to use technology in order to
22 achieve the rights enumerated in paragraphs (1)
23 through (5).

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