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H. R. 5593

To amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for the partial distribution of royalty fees in certain circumstances.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. CONYERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Royalty Distribution
5 Clarification Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION OF ROYALTY FEES.**

7 Section 801(b)(3)(C) of title 17, United States Code,
8 is amended—

9 (1) by striking all that precedes clause (i) and
10 inserting the following:

1 “(C) Notwithstanding section 804(b)(8), the
2 Copyright Royalty Judges, at any time after the fil-
3 ing of claims under section 111, 119, or 1007, may,
4 upon motion of one or more of the claimants and
5 after publication in the Federal Register of a request
6 for responses to the motion from interested claim-
7 ants, make a partial distribution of such fees, if,
8 based upon all responses received during the 30-day
9 period beginning on the date of such publication, the
10 Copyright Royalty Judges conclude that no claimant
11 entitled to receive such fees has stated a reasonable
12 objection to the partial distribution, and all such
13 claimants—”; and

14 (2) in clause (i), by striking “such” and insert-
15 ing “the”.

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