

That meme you shared? It may soon cost you \$15,000.



The Senate will hold a vote on the 'Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement Act,' (CASE Act) which is a dangerous new bill that would slap a \$15,000 fine on sharing a meme you didn't make or downloading a photo from social media. The he CASE Act would create a separate, industry-friendly system for copyright claims to \$30,000, with no option of appeal. Critics say trolls will buy up copyrights with the sole intent of sending out mass threats and lawsuits to harvest settlements. The corporate interests pushing this bill through Congress include the Copyright Alliance, The Motion Picture Association of America, and The Recording Industry Association of America.

Have you ever shared a meme that you didn't make? Or downloaded a photo you saw on social media? If Congress has its way, you could soon get slapped with a \$15,000 fine by copyright trolls—with no chance of appeal—just for doing normal stuff on the Internet. These trolls buy up copyrights with the sole intent of sending out mass threats and lawsuits to harvest settlements. Now, a dangerous new bill called the Copyright Alternative in Small Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act is sailing through Congress to make it

easier for everyone from trolls to Hollywood producers to sue you. And it just slipped through a Senate Committee, clearing the way for a full Senate vote.

In recent years, federal courts have made it easier for regular people to defend themselves from frivolous lawsuits by trolls.

But the CASE Act would create a separate, industry-friendly system

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that created the SOPA/PIPA.

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