Recently in Japan several amendments have been adopted by the legislature to strengthen the position of copyright owners who demand stronger protection in the digitized, Internet era. The "copy" right, however, has been transformed from the regulation of competition to the restriction on personal freedom, due to technological and environmental changes brought by prevalence of reproduction technologies and Internet.

Some measures should therefore be taken to correct the changes heavily affected by "minoritarian biases" in order to safeguard freedom and to realize actual intentions of silent majority amongst the rightholders.

Those corrections should switch current balance between the stakeholders so that the minoritarian stakeholders, who are able to efficiently express their positions and interests in policy-making process, should be required to take all the necessary actions and steps to protect their legitimate interests in enforcing their rights. Accordingly, an introduction of fair use doctrine and renewal registration system is a possible option at least in theory, because the feasibility of their adoption is politically highly doubted in reality.

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