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We would like to see some comment as to the new references to "claimed invention" relative to the effective filing date. That is, for example, in the case of a provisional with a minimal or even only one claim, what impact is there to the effective filing date for the remaining disclosed but unclaimed subject matter?

Is this intended to limit the scope of priority only to those claims submitted at the effective filing date, and therefore diminish the potential value of a provisional?

Thank you,

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