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S 1248

SEARCH Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jun 14, 2005

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measure as introduced: CR S6494) (Jun 14, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]

Party: Democratic • State: LA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 14, 2005
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	$D \cdot NY$		Jun 14, 2005
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	$D \cdot IL$		Jun 16, 2005
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	$R \cdot OH$		Jun 20, 2005
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	$R \cdot MS$		Jul 22, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 14, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5216	Related bill	Jun 8, 2006: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
109 HR 2891	Identical bill	Jun 14, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.

Summary (as of Jun 14, 2005)

Servitude and Emancipation Archival Research ClearingHouse Act of 2005 or the SEARCH Act of 2005 - Directs the Archivist of the United States to establish, as part of the National Archives, a national database consisting of historic records of servitude and emancipation in the United States to assist African Americans in researching their genealogy. Requires the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to maintain the database.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 14, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 14, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6493-6494)
- Jun 14, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6494)