

## HR 2891

SEARCH Act of 2005

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jun 14, 2005

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. (Jun 14, 2005)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/2891>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Jun 29, 2005
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 19, 2005
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jul 19, 2005

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	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	<b>Jun 8, 2006:</b> Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
109 S 1248	Identical bill	<b>Jun 14, 2005:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6494)

## Summary (as of Jun 14, 2005)

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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

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- **Jun 14, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 14, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1227)
- **Jun 14, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.

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