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HR 390

Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act

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Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred to	Mar 30, 2007
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 10, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 23, 2008)

Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act - Requires the Archivist of the United States to: (1) establish, as part of the National Archives, and maintain an electronically searchable database of historic records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction (including Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands Records, the Southern Claims Commission Records, Records of the Freedmen's Bank, Slave Impressments Records, Slave Payroll Records, and the Slave Manifest) contained within federal agencies for genealogical and historical research; and (2) preserve relevant records.

Requires the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to provide grants to states, colleges and universities, and genealogical associations to preserve records and establish databases of local records of such information.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 23, 2008: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman with an amendment. Without written report.
- Sep 23, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1042.
- Nov 14, 2007: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- Mar 30, 2007: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security.
- Jan 23, 2007: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- Jan 22, 2007: Mr. Clay moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Jan 22, 2007: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H805-806)
- Jan 22, 2007: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 390.
- Jan 22, 2007: At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- Jan 22, 2007: Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H816-817)
- Jan 22, 2007: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 1 (Roll no. 45).(text: CR H805)
- Jan 22, 2007: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Jan 22, 2007: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 1 (Roll no. 45). (text: CR H805)
- Jan 11, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E79)
- Jan 10, 2007: Introduced in House
- Jan 10, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.