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HR 439

SEARCH Act

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Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives. (Mar 19, 2007)

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 295	Identical bill	Mar 30, 2007: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs referred to Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security.

Servitude and Emancipation Archival Research ClearingHouse Act or the SEARCH Act - 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

- Mar 19, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives.
- Jan 12, 2007: Introduced in House
- Jan 12, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E103)
- Jan 12, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.