

109TH CONGRESS
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S. 1248

To establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse
in the National Archives.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2005

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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clearinghouse in the National Archives.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Servitude and Emanci-
5 pation Archival Research ClearingHouse Act of 2005” or
6 the “SEARCH Act of 2005”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Archivist of the United
9 States shall establish, as a part of the National Archives,
10 a national database consisting of historic records of ser-

1 vitude and emancipation in the United States to assist Af-
2 rican Americans in researching their genealogy.

3 (b) MAINTENANCE.—The database established by
4 this Act shall be maintained by the National Historical
5 Publications and Records Commission.

6 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 There are authorized to be appropriated—

8 (1) \$5,000,000 to establish the national data-
9 base authorized by this Act; and

10 (2) \$5,000,000 to provide grants to States and
11 colleges and universities to preserve local records of
12 servitude and emancipation.

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