

**Calendar No. 589**108<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 1292****[Report No. 108-282]**

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 19, 2003

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BAYH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

JUNE 21, 2004

Reported by Ms. COLLINS, with amendments

[Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in *italic*]**A BILL**

To establish a servitude and emancipation archival research  
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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Servitude and Emanci-  
3 pation Archival Research ClearingHouse Act of 2003” or  
4 the “SEARCH Act of 2003”.

5 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Archivist of the United  
7 States shall establish, as a part of the National Archives,  
8 a national database consisting of historic records of ser-  
9 vitude and emancipation in the United States to assist Af-  
10 rican Americans in researching their genealogy.

11 (b) MAINTENANCE.—The database established by  
12 this Act shall be maintained by the National Historical  
13 Publications and Records Commission.

14 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 There are authorized to be appropriated—

16 (1) \$5,000,000 to establish the national data-  
17 base authorized by this Act; ~~and~~

18 (2) *such sums as are necessary to operate and*  
19 *maintain the national database authorized by this*  
20 *Act; and*

21 ~~(2)(3)~~ \$5,000,000 to provide grants to States  
22 ~~and colleges and universities,~~ *colleges and univer-*  
23 *sities, libraries, and museums* to preserve local  
24 records of servitude and emancipation.



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