

## ACTION ALERT: HR 6056: The Preserving the American Historical Record Bill

The Preserving the American Historical Record bill was introduced into the House on Thursday, May 14, 2008 by Congressmen Maurice Hinchey (NY) and Chris Cannon (UT). It has an official bill number, H.R. 6056. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Co-sponsors for the bill are: Sanford Bishop (GA), Joseph Crowley (NY), Eliot Engel (NY), Steve Israel (NY), Carolyn Maloney, (NY), Jim McDermott (WA), James McGovern MA), John McHugh (NY), Jerrold Nadler, (NY), Edolphus Towns, (NY). This is a very good number for original sponsors, but more can be added, and more are needed for future consideration.

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This is an important “giant step” for our efforts to bring much needed, and very much deserved resources to the archival community in the United States. Please take time to contact your members of Congress, and involve your colleagues and constituents in doing the same. Information and support materials are available on the web at: [www.archivists.org/pahr](http://www.archivists.org/pahr)

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