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1789 - Date

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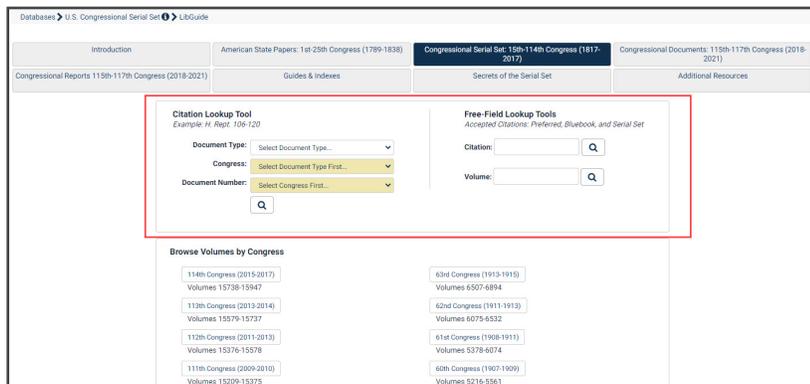


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1. Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2012 [S. Rept. 112-249] **new**

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Type:	Senate Reports
Title:	Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2012
Volume:	15469
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Year:	2012-2013
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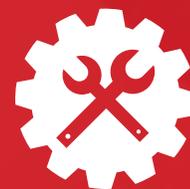
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