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GPO OPENS NEW EXHIBIT ON UNIQUE CONGRESSIONAL DOCUMENTS

WASHINGTON –The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) presents a new exhibit on some highly unusual and unique congressional documents. Titled "Around the World in 80 Documents : A Journey Through the Congressional Serial Set," the exhibit uses the itinerary of Jules Verne's beloved 1873 novel, *Around the World in 80 Days*, to discover treasures in the Serial Set that correspond to the adventures of Verne's characters Phileas Fogg, Passepartout, Detective Fix, and Mrs. Aouda.

The Congressional Serial Set, published continuously since the 15th Congress in 1817, is a vast compilation of reports and documents that reflect every deliberation, concern, and interest of the Senate and House of Representatives. It forms what has been called by historians a "splendid record and a memory of our past experience." The Serial Set has been published by GPO since opening its doors in 1861.

"Around the World in 80 Documents" is on view through December in GPO's 150th Anniversary Exhibit, 732 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC 20024, Monday - Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

"GPO has been the Government's publisher since 1861 and this exhibit is a fascinating way to view important and unusual congressional documents of the past," said GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks.

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