

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1161

To mandate the display of the POW/MIA flag on various occasions and
in various locations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 1997

Ms. HARMAN (for herself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HORN, Mr. KING, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. RAMSTAD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

A BILL

To mandate the display of the POW/MIA flag on various
occasions and in various locations.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the United States has fought in many wars,
6 and thousands of Americans who served in those
7 wars were captured by the enemy or listed as miss-
8 ing in action;

1 (2) many of these Americans are still missing
2 and unaccounted for, and the uncertainty surround-
3 ing their fates has caused their families to suffer
4 tragic and continuing hardships;

5 (3) as a symbol of the Nation's concern and
6 commitment to accounting as fully as possible for all
7 Americans still prisoner, missing, or unaccounted
8 for, Congress has officially recognized the National
9 League of Families POW/MIA flag and seeks fur-
10 ther to honor those Americans who in future wars
11 may be captured, or listed as missing or unac-
12 counted for; and

13 (4) the American people observe and honor with
14 appropriate ceremony and activity the third Friday
15 of September each year as National POW/MIA Rec-
16 ognition Day.

17 **SEC. 2. DISPLAY.**

18 The POW/MIA flag shall be displayed on Armed
19 Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day,
20 Veterans Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and
21 on the last business day before each of the preceding holi-
22 days, on the grounds or in the public lobbies of—

23 (1) major military installations as designated by
24 the Secretary of Defense;

25 (2) Federal national cemeteries;

1 (3) the national Korean War Veterans Memo-
2 rial;

3 (4) the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial;

4 (5) the White House;

5 (6) the official office of the—

6 (A) Secretary of State;

7 (B) Secretary of Defense;

8 (C) Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

9 (D) Director of the Selective Service Sys-
10 tem; and

11 (7) United States Postal Service post offices.

12 **SEC. 3. REPEAL.**

13 Public Law 102–190 (36 U.S.C. 189 note), relating
14 to display of the POW/MIA flag, is repealed.

15 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS AND DEFINITION.**

16 (a) REGULATIONS.—Within 180 days after the date
17 of enactment of this Act, the agencies or departments re-
18 sponsible for the locations listed in section 2 shall pre-
19 scribe such regulations as necessary to carry out the provi-
20 sions of this Act.

21 (b) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
22 “POW/MIA flag” means the National League of Families
23 POW/MIA flag recognized officially and designated by sec-
24 tion 2 of Public Law 101–355.

○