#### 105TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 16

To establish a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 7, 1997

Mr. King submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

## **RESOLUTION**

To establish a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

- 1 Resolved,
- 2 SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.
- 3 There is established in the House of Representatives
- 4 a select committee to be known as the Select Committee
- 5 on POW and MIA Affairs.
- 6 SEC. 2. FUNCTIONS.
- 7 The select committee shall conduct a full investiga-
- 8 tion of all unresolved matters relating to any United
- 9 States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era,
- 10 the Korean conflict, or World War II, including MIA's and
- 11 POW's.

#### SEC. 3. APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.

- 2 (a) Members.—The select committee shall be com-
- 3 posed of 10 Members of the House, who shall be appointed
- 4 by the Speaker. Not more than half of the members of
- 5 the select committee shall be of the same political party.
- 6 (b) Vacancy.—Any vacancy occurring in the mem-
- 7 bership of the select committee shall be filled in the same
- 8 manner in which the original appointment was made.
- 9 (c) Chairperson.—The Speaker shall designate 1
- 10 member of the select committee to be its chairperson.

#### 11 SEC. 4. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES.

- 12 (a) AUTHORITY.—For purposes of carrying out this
- 13 resolution, the select committee (or any subcommittee of
- 14 the select committee authorized to hold hearings) may sit
- 15 and act during the present Congress at any time or place
- 16 within the United States (including any Commonwealth
- 17 or possession of the United States, or elsewhere, whether
- 18 the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned)
- 19 and to hold such hearings as it considers necessary.
- 20 (b) Rules of Procedure.—The provisions of
- 21 clauses 1, 2, and 3 of rule XI of the Rules of the House
- 22 shall apply to the select committee.
- 23 (c) Prohibition Against Meeting at Certain
- 24 Times.—Subsection (a) may not be construed to limit the
- 25 applicability of clause 2(i) of rule XI of the Rules of the
- 26 House to the select committee.

### 1 SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

(a) Expenses.—Subject to the adoption of expense
resolutions as required by clause 5 of rule XI of the Rules
of the House, the select committee may incur expenses in
connection with its functions under this resolution.
(b) STAFF AND TRAVEL.—In carrying out its func-
tions under this resolution, the select committee may—
(1) appoint, either on a permanent basis or as
experts or consultants, any staff that the select com-
mittee considers necessary;
(2) prescribe the duties and responsibilities of
the staff;
(3) fix the compensation of the staff at a single
per annum gross rate that does not exceed the high-
est rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time,
of level V of the Executive Schedule in section 5316
of title 5, United States Code;
(4) terminate the employment of any such staff
as the select committee considers appropriate; and
(5) reimburse members of the select committee
and of its staff for travel, subsistence, and other
necessary expenses incurred by them in the perform-
ance of their functions for the select committee,
other than expenses in connection with any meeting
of the select committee, or a subcommittee thereof,

held in the District of Columbia.

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- 1 (c) Expiration.—The select committee and all au-
- 2 thority granted in this resolution shall expire 30 days after
- 3 the filing of the final report of the select committee with
- 4 the House, or just prior to noon on January 5, 1999,
- 5 whichever occurs first.

#### 6 SEC. 6. REPORTS AND RECORDS.

- 7 (a) Final Report.—As soon as practicable during
- 8 the present Congress, the select committee shall submit
- 9 to the House a final report setting forth its findings and
- 10 recommendations as a result of its investigation.
- 11 (b) FILING OF REPORTS.—Any report made by the
- 12 select committee when the House is not in session shall
- 13 be filed with the Clerk of the House.
- (c) Referral of Reports.—Any report made by
- 15 the select committee shall be referred to the committee
- 16 or committees that have jurisdiction over the subject mat-
- 17 ter of the report.
- 18 (d) Records, Files, and Materials.—Following
- 19 the termination of the select committee, the records, files,
- 20 and materials of the select committee shall be transferred
- 21 to the Clerk of the House. If the final report of the select
- 22 committee is referred to only 1 committee under the provi-
- 23 sions of subsection (c), the records, files, and materials
- 24 of the select committee shall be transferred instead to the
- 25 committee to which the final report is referred.

#### SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.

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2	For purposes of this resolution:
3	(1) The term "Member of the House" means
4	any Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-
5	missioner to, the Congress.
6	(2) The term "MIA" means any United States
7	personnel that is unaccounted for and missing in ac-
8	tion.

- (3) The term "POW" means any United States personnel that is unaccounted for and known to be a prisoner of war.
- (4) The term "select committee" means the Select Committee on MIA and POW Affairs established by this resolution.

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