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Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

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RESOLUTION

Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

- 1 *Resolved*, That there is established in the House of
- 2 Representatives a select committee to be known as the Se-
- 3 lect Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

FUNCTIONS

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2 SEC. 2. The select committee shall conduct a full in-
3 vestigation of all unresolved matters relating to any
4 United States personnel unaccounted for from the Viet-
5 nam era, the Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War
6 Missions, Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or
7 Operation Enduring Freedom, including MIA's and
8 POW's missing and captured.

APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERSHIP

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10 SEC. 3. (a) MEMBERS.—The select committee shall
11 be composed of 10 Members of the House, who shall be
12 appointed by the Speaker. Not more than half of the mem-
13 bers of the select committee shall be of the same political
14 party.

15 (b) VACANCY.—Any vacancy occurring in the mem-
16 bership of the select committee shall be filled in the same
17 manner in which the original appointment was made.

18 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—The Speaker shall designate one
19 member of the select committee to be its chairperson.

AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES

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21 SEC. 4. (a) AUTHORITY.—For purposes of carrying
22 out this resolution, the select committee (or any sub-
23 committee of the select committee authorized to hold hear-
24 ings) may sit and act during the present Congress at any
25 time or place within the United States (including any
26 Commonwealth or possession of the United States, or else-

1 where, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or
2 has adjourned) and to hold such hearings as it considers
3 necessary.

4 (b) RULES OF PROCEDURE.—The provisions of
5 clauses 1, 2, and 4 of rule XI of the Rules of the House
6 shall apply to the select committee.

7 (c) PROHIBITION AGAINST MEETING AT CERTAIN
8 TIMES.—Subsection (a) may not be construed to limit the
9 applicability of clause 2(i) of rule XI of the Rules of the
10 House to the select committee.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

12 SEC. 5. (a) EXPENSES.—Subject to the adoption of
13 expense resolutions as required by clause 6 of rule X of
14 the Rules of the House, the select committee may incur
15 expenses in connection with its functions under this reso-
16 lution.

17 (b) STAFF AND TRAVEL.—In carrying out its func-
18 tions under this resolution, the select committee may—

19 (1) appoint, either on a permanent basis or as
20 experts or consultants, any staff that the select com-
21 mittee considers necessary;

22 (2) prescribe the duties and responsibilities of
23 the staff;

24 (3) fix the compensation of the staff at a single
25 per annum gross rate that does not exceed the high-
26 est rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time,

1 of level V of the Executive Schedule in section 5316
2 of title 5, United States Code;

3 (4) terminate the employment of any such staff
4 as the select committee considers appropriate; and

5 (5) reimburse members of the select committee
6 and of its staff for travel, subsistence, and other
7 necessary expenses incurred by them in the perform-
8 ance of their functions for the select committee,
9 other than expenses in connection with any meeting
10 of the select committee, or a subcommittee thereof,
11 held in the District of Columbia.

12 (c) EXPIRATION.—The select committee and all au-
13 thority granted in this resolution shall expire 30 days after
14 the filing of the final report of the select committee with
15 the House.

16 REPORTS AND RECORDS

17 SEC. 6. (a) FINAL REPORT.—As soon as practicable
18 during the present Congress, the select committee shall
19 submit to the House a final report setting forth its find-
20 ings and recommendations as a result of its investigation.

21 (b) FILING OF REPORTS.—Any report made by the
22 select committee when the House is not in session shall
23 be filed with the Clerk of the House.

24 (c) REFERRAL OF REPORTS.—Any report made by
25 the select committee shall be referred to the committee

1 or committees that have jurisdiction over the subject mat-
2 ter of the report.

3 (d) RECORDS, FILES, AND MATERIALS.—Following
4 the termination of the select committee, the records, files,
5 and materials of the select committee shall be transferred
6 to the Clerk of the House. If the final report of the select
7 committee is referred to only one committee under the
8 provisions of subsection (c), the records, files, and mate-
9 rials of the select committee shall be transferred instead
10 to the committee to which the final report is referred.

11 DEFINITIONS

12 SEC. 7. For purposes of this resolution:

13 (1) The term “Member of the House” means
14 any Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-
15 missioner to, the Congress.

16 (2) The term “MIA” means any United States
17 personnel that is unaccounted for and missing in ac-
18 tion.

19 (3) The term “POW” means any United States
20 personnel that is unaccounted for and known to be
21 a prisoner of war.

22 (4) The term “select committee” means the Se-
23 lect Committee on MIA and POW Affairs estab-
24 lished by this resolution.

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