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H. RES. 590

Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHING A SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW**

3 **AND MIA AFFAIRS.**

4 There is established a select committee to be known
5 as the Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs (here-
6 after referred to as the “select committee”).

7 **SEC. 2. FUNCTIONS.**

8 The select committee shall conduct a full investiga-
9 tion of all unresolved matters relating to any United
10 States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era,
11 the Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War Missions,
12 Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation

1 Enduring Freedom, including MIAs and POWs missing
2 and captured.

3 **SEC. 3. APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.**

4 (a) MEMBERS.—The select committee shall be com-
5 posed of 10 Members of the House, who shall be appointed
6 by the Speaker. Not more than half of the members of
7 the select committee shall be of the same political party.

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

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

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES.**

14 (a) AUTHORITY.—For purposes of carrying out this
15 resolution, the select committee (or any subcommittee of
16 the select committee authorized to hold hearings) may sit
17 and act during the present Congress at any time or place
18 within the United States (including any Commonwealth
19 or possession of the United States, or elsewhere, whether
20 the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned)
21 and to hold such hearings as it considers necessary.

22 (b) RULES OF PROCEDURE.—Clauses 1, 2, and 4 of
23 rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives shall
24 apply to the select committee.

1 (c) PROHIBITION AGAINST MEETING AT CERTAIN
2 TIMES.—Subsection (a) may not be construed to limit the
3 applicability of clause 2(i) of rule XI of the Rules of the
4 House of Representatives to the select committee.

5 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

6 (a) EXPENSES.—There shall be paid out of the appli-
7 cable accounts of the House such sums as may be nec-
8 essary for the expenses of the select committee. Such pay-
9 ments shall be made on vouchers signed by the chairman
10 of the select committee and approved in the manner di-
11 rected by the Committee on House Administration.
12 Amounts made available under this paragraph shall be ex-
13 pended in accordance with regulations prescribed by the
14 Committee on House Administration.

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

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

20 (2) prescribe the duties and responsibilities of
21 the staff;

22 (3) fix the compensation of the staff at a single
23 per annum gross rate that does not exceed the high-
24 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 **SEC. 6. REPORTS AND RECORDS.**

17 (a) FINAL REPORT.—As soon as practicable during
18 the present Congress, the select committee shall submit
19 to the House a final report setting forth its findings and
20 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 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

12 As used in 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.

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