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Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

APPOINTM	ENT AND	MEMBERSHIP

- 2 Sec. 3. (a) Members.—The select committee shall
- 3 be composed of 10 Members of the House, who shall be
- 4 appointed by the Speaker. Not more than half of the mem-
- 5 bers of the select committee shall be of the same political
- 6 party.
- 7 (b) Vacancy.—Any vacancy occurring in the mem-
- 8 bership of the select committee shall be filled in the same
- 9 manner in which the original appointment was made.
- 10 (c) Chairperson.—The Speaker shall designate one
- 11 member of the select committee to be its chairperson.
- 12 AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES
- 13 Sec. 4. (a) Authority.—For purposes of carrying
- 14 out this resolution, the select committee (or any sub-
- 15 committee of the select committee authorized to hold hear-
- 16 ings) may sit and act during the present Congress at any
- 17 time or place within the United States (including any
- 18 Commonwealth or possession of the United States, or else-
- 19 where, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or
- 20 has adjourned) and to hold such hearings as it considers
- 21 necessary.
- 22 (b) Rules of Procedure.—The provisions of
- 23 clauses 1, 2, and 4 of rule XI of the Rules of the House
- 24 shall apply to the select committee.
- 25 (c) Prohibition Against Meeting at Certain
- 26 Times.—Subsection (a) may not be construed to limit the

1	applicability of clause 2(i) of rule XI of the Rules of the
2	House to the select committee.
3	ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
4	Sec. 5. (a) Expenses.—Subject to the adoption of
5	expense resolutions as required by clause 6 of rule X of
6	the Rules of the House, the select committee may incur
7	expenses in connection with its functions under this reso-
8	lution.
9	(b) Staff and Travel.—In carrying out its func-
10	tions under this resolution, the select committee may—
11	(1) appoint, either on a permanent basis or as
12	experts or consultants, any staff that the select com-
13	mittee considers necessary;
14	(2) prescribe the duties and responsibilities of
15	the staff;
16	(3) fix the compensation of the staff at a single
17	per annum gross rate that does not exceed the high-
18	est rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time,
19	of level V of the Executive Schedule in section 5316
20	of title 5, United States Code;
21	(4) terminate the employment of any such staff
22	as the select committee considers appropriate; and
23	(5) reimburse members of the select committee
24	and of its staff for travel, subsistence, and other
25	necessary expenses incurred by them in the perform-
26	ance of their functions for the select committee

- 1 other than expenses in connection with any meeting
- 2 of the select committee, or a subcommittee thereof,
- 3 held in the District of Columbia.
- 4 (c) Expiration.—The select committee and all au-
- 5 thority granted in this resolution shall expire 30 days after
- 6 the filing of the final report of the select committee with
- 7 the House.
- 8 REPORTS AND RECORDS
- 9 Sec. 6. (a) Final Report.—As soon as practicable
- 10 during the present Congress, the select committee shall
- 11 submit to the House a final report setting forth its find-
- 12 ings and recommendations as a result of its investigation.
- 13 (b) FILING OF REPORTS.—Any report made by the
- 14 select committee when the House is not in session shall
- 15 be filed with the Clerk of the House.
- 16 (c) REFERRAL OF REPORTS.—Any report made by
- 17 the select committee shall be referred to the committee
- 18 or committees that have jurisdiction over the subject mat-
- 19 ter of the report.
- 20 (d) Records, Files, and Materials.—Following
- 21 the termination of the select committee, the records, files,
- 22 and materials of the select committee shall be transferred
- 23 to the Clerk of the House. If the final report of the select
- 24 committee is referred to only one committee under the
- 25 provisions of subsection (c), the records, files, and mate-

1	rials of the select committee shall be transferred instead
2	to the committee to which the final report is referred.
3	DEFINITIONS
4	Sec. 7. For purposes of this resolution:
5	(1) The term "Member of the House" means
6	any Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-
7	missioner to, the Congress.
8	(2) The term "MIA" means any United States
9	personnel that is unaccounted for and missing in ac-
10	tion.
11	(3) The term "POW" means any United States
12	personnel that is unaccounted for and known to be
13	a prisoner of war.
14	(4) The term "select committee" means the Se-
15	lect Committee on MIA and POW Affairs estab-
16	lished by this resolution.

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