## 106TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H. RES. 16

To establish 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**

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 investiga8 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.

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

2 (a) MEMBERS.—The select committee shall be com3 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 mem7 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 and act during the present Congress at any time or place 15 16 within the United States (including any Commonwealth or possession of the United States, or elsewhere, whether 17 18 the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned) 19 and to hold such hearings as it considers necessary.

(b) RULES OF PROCEDURE.—The provisions of
clauses 1, 2, and 3 of rule XI of the Rules of the House
shall apply to the select committee.

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

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#### 1 SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

2 (a) EXPENSES.—Subject to the adoption of expense
3 resolutions as required by clause 5 of rule XI of the Rules
4 of the House, the select committee may incur expenses in
5 connection with its functions under this resolution.

6 (b) STAFF AND TRAVEL.—In carrying out its func-7 tions under this resolution, the select committee may—

8 (1) appoint, either on a permanent basis or as
9 experts or consultants, any staff that the select com10 mittee considers necessary;

(2) prescribe the duties and responsibilities ofthe staff;

(3) fix the compensation of the staff at a single
per annum gross rate that does not exceed the highest 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;

18 (4) terminate the employment of any such staff19 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 performance 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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(c) EXPIRATION.—The select committee and all au thority granted in this resolution shall expire 30 days after
 the filing of the final report of the select committee with
 the House, or just prior to noon on January 5, 2001,
 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.

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

(c) REFERRAL OF REPORTS.—Any report made by
the select committee shall be referred to the committee
or committees that have jurisdiction over the subject matter of the report.

(d) RECORDS, FILES, AND MATERIALS.—Following 18 19 the termination of the select committee, the records, files, and materials of the select committee shall be transferred 20 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.

## 1 SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.

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.
9	(3) The term "POW" means any United States
10	personnel that is unaccounted for and known to be
11	a prisoner of war.
12	(4) The term "select committee" means the Se-
13	lect Committee on MIA and POW Affairs estab-
14	lished by this resolution.

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