

1 appointed by the Speaker. Not more than half of the mem-
2 bers of the select committee shall be of the same political
3 party.

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

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

9 AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES

10 SEC. 4. (a) AUTHORITY.—For purposes of carrying
11 out this resolution, the select committee (or any sub-
12 committee of the select committee authorized to hold hear-
13 ings) may sit and act during the present Congress at any
14 time or place within the United States (including any
15 Commonwealth or possession of the United States, or else-
16 where, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or
17 has adjourned) and to hold such hearings as it considers
18 necessary.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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

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

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

12 (2) prescribe the duties and responsibilities of
13 the staff;

14 (3) fix the compensation of the staff at a single
15 per annum gross rate that does not exceed the high-
16 est rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time,
17 of level V of the Executive Schedule in section 5316
18 of title 5, United States Code;

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

21 (5) reimburse members of the select committee
22 and of its staff for travel, subsistence, and other
23 necessary expenses incurred by them in the perform-
24 ance of their functions for the select committee,
25 other than expenses in connection with any meeting

1 of the select committee, or a subcommittee thereof,
2 held in the District of Columbia.

3 (c) EXPIRATION.—The select committee and all au-
4 thority granted in this resolution shall expire 30 days after
5 the filing of the final report of the select committee with
6 the House, or just prior to noon on January 5, 2009,
7 whichever occurs first.

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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