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Introduced by Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the

issue of American prisoners of war and those missing in action.

<b>03/23</b> House	Introduced, first reading	1/01/1036
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2009 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3065

#### 2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 3065

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: 04/13/09

Recorder Job Number: 11827

Committee Clerk Signature

-11000 CMC

Minutes:

Chairman Dever called the committee to order and opened the public hearing on HCR 3065.

Roll was taken with Senator Cook and Senator Horne absent. Gene Kuba was there to speak in favor of the bill.

Gene Kuba: Gene Kuba from Bismarck, I am president of the coordinating council right now.

I work for Department of Veterans Affairs and I am familiar with the M.I.A. and P.O.W. issue.

There are 11 Vietnam Veterans, 29 Korea Veterans and the largest majority is for WWI WWII. I

will testify for the D.A.V. as I was state commander last year, and I talked to the present

commander and he gave me authority to say that they will support the resolution as written.

With that I will take any questions that you may have.

Senator Nelson: Do you happen to know what they are currently doing to find those lost in

action?

**Gene Kuba**: I do not. We have had this resolution in the past, one of the 2 previous sessions,

we had a resolution similar to this and I have not had time to follow up with it.

Senator Dever: I see that this urges the congress to appoint an independent counsel to

investigate the issue of those lost. Have they done that yet?

Gene Kuba: They have their own independent study for Vietnam, not sure about other groups.

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Senator Dever: There are 11 from Vietnam and 29 from Korea missing, correct?

Gene Kuba: All from North Dakota

Senator Nelson: None from Gulf War?

Gene Kuba: None, well maybe one from Ohio, but he was a civilian contractor.

**Senator Nelson**: Do we have M.I.A. and P.O.W. listed on the monument?

Gene Kuba: Yes, they are all listed on there.

**Senator Dever**: Seems to me that capitol grounds had something to do with it. Didn't legislative management committee have the responsibility of taking a look at it?

**Senator Dever**: We had another resolution that mentioned the millions that died in the Civil War; someone sent an email stating that is was high but not millions.

**Mike Fischer**: I was under the impression that it was turned over to the Heritage Center to get the names updated. Talk to Mr. Dave Herbstafer because he is up to speed on this.

**Gene Kuba**: He is the person to talk to; he has everything researched and thinks that he would be excellent to talk to him.

Chairman Dever closed public hearing on HCR 3065. Senator Nelson made a motion for a do pass with a second by Senator Oehlke. There was no further discussion, roll was taken, the motion passed 3-0-2, and Senator Dever carrying the bill to the floor.

Date: 4-13-09 Roll Call Vote #: [



# 2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

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#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) April 13, 2009 12:33 p.m.

Module No: SR-63-6917 Carrier: Dever Insert LC: Title:

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3065: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (3 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3065 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.