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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

#### **Background:**

**During early 1991, the Minnesota Legislature memorialized Congress to study the issue of POW/MIAs from the Vietnam War. At a Minnesota joint House-Senate committee hearing on that petition, several of the nation's leading authorities on the issue, not including government authorities, testified in favor of that resolution. Within months, the U.S. Senate responded by appointing the Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. A listing of major investigations by the U.S. Senate describes that Congressional Select Committee as follows:**

**1991-1993 – U.S. Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs**

**Hearings: November 5, 1991, to December 4, 1992. Report: January 13, 1993.**

**Chairman: John F. Kerry (D-MA)**

**Investigation into the possibility that some unaccounted for American servicemen might have survived in captivity even after POW repatriations at the conclusion of World War II, the Korean War, Cold War incidents, and particularly the war in Vietnam.**

#### **Resolutions:**

**A memorial resolution asks another governmental official or body to act. It must be in bill form and follow bill procedure.**

**The other four types of legislative resolutions include: congratulatory resolutions, simple resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and joint resolutions.**