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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To exempt certain officers and employees of the Defense POW/MIA  
Accounting Agency from furlough, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL**

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POW/MIA Accounting Agency from furlough, and for  
other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Defense POW/MIA  
5 Accounting Agency Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF DEFENSE**  
2 **POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY FROM FUR-**  
3 **LOUGH.**

4 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE FURLOUGH.—An officer or em-  
5 ployee of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency who  
6 is traveling on or conducting an accounting and recovery  
7 mission shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
8 rule, or regulation, be exempted from furlough. In this  
9 subsection, the term “furlough”—

10 (1) means the placement of an officer or em-  
11 ployee in a temporary status in which the officer or  
12 employee has no duties and is not paid when the  
13 placement in such status is by reason of insufficient  
14 work, funds, or for other nondisciplinary reasons;  
15 and

16 (2) does not include any furlough resulting  
17 from a lapse in discretionary appropriations for the  
18 Agency.

19 (b) SHUTDOWN FURLOUGH.—Any services by an of-  
20 ficer or employee of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting  
21 Agency carried out while traveling on or conducting an  
22 accounting and recovery mission shall be deemed, for pur-  
23 poses of section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, serv-  
24 ices for emergencies involving the safety of human life or  
25 the protection of property.