

1 consent of the Senate, from officers on the active-duty list of
2 the Marine Corps not restricted in the performance of duty.

3 “(b) The Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps,
4 while so serving, has the grade of general without vacating
5 his regular or reserve grade.

6 “(c) The Assistant Commandant has such authority and
7 duties with respect to the Marine Corps as the Commandant,
8 with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, may delegate
9 to or prescribe for him. Orders issued by the Assistant Com-
10 mandant in performing such duties have the same effect as
11 those issued by the Commandant.

12 “(d) When there is a vacancy in the office of Comman-
13 dant of the Marine Corps, or during the absence or disability
14 of the Commandant—

15 “(1) the Assistant Commandant of the Marine
16 Corps shall perform the duties of the Commandant
17 until a successor is appointed or the absence or disabil-
18 ity ceases; or

19 “(2) if there is a vacancy in the office of the As-
20 sistant Commandant of the Marine Corps or the Assist-
21 ant Commandant is absent or disabled, unless the
22 President directs otherwise, the most senior officer of
23 the Marine Corps in the Headquarters, Marine Corps,
24 who is not absent or disabled and who is not restricted
25 in performance of duty shall perform the duties of the