

1 military advice. After first informing the Secretary of De-  
2 fense, such a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff may submit  
3 to the President any opinion in disagreement with military  
4 advice of the Chairman or of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.”.

5 **SEC. 4. CHAIN OF COMMAND.**

6 Section 142(c) of title 10, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(c)”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end thereof the following new  
10 paragraph:

11 “(2) The President or Secretary of Defense may direct  
12 that the national military chain of command runs to the com-  
13 manders of the unified and specified combatant commands  
14 through the Chairman.”.

15 **SEC. 5. SUPERVISION OF COMBATANT COMMANDS.**

16 Section 124(c)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is  
17 amended by striking out “acts as the spokesman for the com-  
18 manders of the combatant commands” and inserting in lieu  
19 thereof “supervises the commanders of the combatant com-  
20 mands and acts as their spokesman”.

21 **SEC. 6. TERM OF CHAIRMAN.**

22 (a) **EXTENSION OF TERM TO FOUR YEARS.**—Section  
23 142(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

24 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(a)”; and

25 (2) by striking out “for a term of two years,”; and