

1 manders of the unified and specified combatant commands
2 through the Chairman.”.

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

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

9 **SEC. 6. TERM OF CHAIRMAN.**

10 (a) **EXTENSION OF TERM TO FOUR YEARS.**—Section
11 142(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(a)”;

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

14 (3) by adding at the end thereof the following new
15 paragraphs:

16 “(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), the Chairman
17 serves for a term of four years.

18 “(3) In the event of the death, retirement, resignation,
19 or reassignment of the officer serving as Chairman before the
20 end of the term for which the officer was appointed, an officer
21 appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve as Chairman only for
22 the remainder of the original term.”.

23 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by sub-
24 section (a) shall apply with respect to appointments to the
25 position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff made on or