

1 (b) EXEMPTION FROM GRADE LIMITATIONS.—Section
2 525(b)(3) of such title is amended by inserting “or Deputy
3 Chairman” after “Chairman”.

4 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (b) of sec-
5 tion 143 of such title is repealed.

6 **SEC. 8. JOINT STAFF.**

7 (a) JOINT STAFF TO BE UNDER THE CHAIRMAN.—
8 Subsection (a) of section 143 of title 10, United States Code,
9 is amended by inserting “Chairman of the” after “There is
10 under the”.

11 (b) ELIMINATION OF MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OFFICERS
12 ON JOINT STAFF.—Subsection (a) of such section is further
13 amended by striking out “not more than 400”.

14 (c) MANAGEMENT OF JOINT STAFF.—(1) Subsection (c)
15 of such section is redesignated as subsection (b) and is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 “(b) The Joint Staff shall perform such duties as the
18 Chairman prescribes.”.

19 (2) Subsection (d) of such section is redesignated as sub-
20 section (c) and is amended by striking out “Joint Chiefs of
21 Staff in discharging their” and inserting in lieu thereof
22 “Chairman in discharging his”.

23 (d) TENURE OF MEMBERS OF JOINT STAFF.—Subsec-
24 tion (e) of such section is redesignated as subsection (d) and is
25 amended by inserting after the first sentence the following