

## A BILL

To amend title 10, United States Code, to place the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the national military chain of command, and to remove limitations on the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

1           Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
 2           of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That  
 3           section 124 of title 10, United States Code, relating to  
 4           combatant commands, is amended --

5           (1) by striking out "shall" in clause (2) of  
 6           subsection (a); and

7           (2) by adding at the end of subsection (c) the  
 8           following new sentences:

9           "The chain of command runs from the President  
 10           to the Secretary and through the Chairman,  
 11           Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the combatant commands.  
 12           Orders to combatant commands shall be issued by the  
 13           President or the Secretary through the  
 14           Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff."

15           SEC. 2. Section 142 of title 10, United States Code,  
 16           relating to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is amended

17           (1) in subsection (b) --

18           (A) by striking out "and" at the end of clause (2);

19           (B) by striking out the period at the end of clause (3)

20           and inserting in lieu thereof ";and"; and