

1 command over the Joint Chiefs of Staff or any of the armed  
2 forces.”.

3 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chap-  
4 ter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
5 142 the following new item:

“142a. Deputy Chairman.”.

6 (b) Section 525(b)(3) of such title is amended by insert-  
7 ing “or Deputy Chairman” after “Chairman”.

8 **JOINT STAFF**

9 **SEC. 5. (a)** Subsection (a) of section 143 of title 10,  
10 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 “(a)(1) There is under the Joint Chiefs of Staff a Joint  
12 Staff consisting of not more than four hundred officers. The  
13 members of the Joint Staff shall be selected by the Chairman  
14 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in approximately equal numbers  
15 from—

16 “(A) the Army;

17 “(B) the Navy and the Marine Corps; and

18 “(C) the Air Force.

19 “(2) Selection of officers of an armed force to serve on  
20 the Joint Staff shall be made by the Chairman from a list of  
21 officers submitted by that armed force. Each officer whose  
22 name is submitted shall be among those officers considered to  
23 be the most outstanding officers of that armed force. The  
24 Chairman may specify the number of officers to be included  
25 on any such list.