

1 SEC. 2. Subtitle A of title 10, United States Code, is
2 amended by inserting after chapter 1 the following new
3 chapter:

4 **“CHAPTER 2—NATIONAL COMMAND AUTHORITIES**

“Sec.

“111. National Command Authorities.

“112. Chain of command.

5 **“§ 111. National Command Authorities**

6 “The National Command Authorities consist of the
7 President and the Secretary of Defense.

8 **“§ 112. Chain of command**

9 “Subject to the direction of the President, the military
10 chain of command runs—

11 “(1) from the President to the Secretary of De-
12 fense;

13 “(2) from the Secretary of Defense to the Chief of
14 Staff of the National Command Authorities; and

15 “(3) from the Chief of Staff of the National Com-
16 mand Authorities to the commanders of the unified and
17 specified combatant commands.”.

18 SEC. 3. (a) The Joint Chiefs of Staff and the position of
19 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are abolished. The
20 functions, powers, and duties of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and
21 of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are transferred to
22 and vested in the Chief of Staff of the National Command
23 Authorities. The Joint Staff is reconstituted as the Joint Mili-