

Subsection (b) of section 111 of this bill would amend section 743 of title 10 to include the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Section 743 specifies that the Service Chiefs of Staff are to rank among themselves according to the dates of their appointment to their positions. The section would also be amended to add the Vice Chairman to the Chairman as the only two officers who outrank the Service Chiefs.

#### SEC. 112. COMBATANT COMMANDS

Section 112 would amend part I of subtitle A of title 10, United States Code, to add a new chapter 6 dealing with the Combatant Commands which control operations whenever military forces are employed. The current statute dealing with the unified and specified combatant commands is section 124 of chapter 3 (General Powers) of title 10 which would be repealed by section 112 of this bill. The Committee recommends the addition of a new chapter to title 10 on the combatant commands in order to give more appropriate statutory emphasis to the vast responsibilities of the war-fighting commands.

A unified combatant command is composed of U.S. combatant forces from two or more Military Departments, has a broad and continuing mission, and is normally organized on a geographic basis. A specified combatant command is composed of U.S. combatant forces normally from a single Military Department, has a broad and continuing mission, and is organized on a functional basis. Presently, there are seven unified combatant commands and three specified combatant commands:

##### *Unified Commands*

- U.S. Atlantic Command (Norfolk, Virginia)
- U.S. Central Command (MacDill Air Force Base, Florida)
- U.S. European Command (Stuttgart, Germany)
- U.S. Pacific Command (Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii)
- U.S. Readiness Command (MacDill Air Force Base, Florida)
- U.S. Southern Command (Quarry Heights, Panama)
- U.S. Space Command (Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado)

##### *Specified Commands*

- Aerospace Defense Command (Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado)
- Military Airlift Command (Scott Air Force Base, Illinois)
- Strategic Air Command (Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska)

Section 112 of this bill has two subsections. Subsection (a) adds chapter 6 with its five sections to title 10. Subsection (b) provides technical amendments including the repeal of section 124 of title 10. The sections of chapter 6 are:

Sec. 161. Definitions

Sec. 162. Combatant commands: establishment; composition; functions

Sec. 163. Operational chain of command

Sec. 164. Commanders of combatant commands: assignment; powers and duties

Sec. 165. Combatant commands: administration and support