

the statutes relating to the organization of the Air Force, created as a separate department in 1947, were based upon the existing Army statutes, they also did not fully implement the fundamental changes resulting from the National Security Act of 1947. Moreover, as the War and Navy Departments had previously been separate executive-level departments and their governing legislation had been prepared by separate congressional committees, the Army (and Air Force) statutes had a substantial number of inconsistencies when compared to Navy and Marine Corps statutes. These inconsistencies remain in the current statutes.

Although the National Security Act was amended in 1949, 1953, and 1958, the Military Department statutes, for the most part, were not amended to fully reflect the creation of the Department of Defense and the authorities provided to other elements of the Department of Defense. Most notable in this regard was (1) a failure to redefine the roles of the Secretaries of the Military Departments as the authority of the Secretary of Defense was augmented in 1949, 1953, and 1958 and (2) a failure to fully recognize the division of operational and administrative responsibilities directed by the 1958 Amendments to the National Security Act of 1947.

To a great extent, this bill would amend those portions of title 10 dealing with the organization of the Military Departments to (1) make them conform with the basic principles of the National Security Act of 1947, which were reaffirmed by the Committee during its preparation of this bill, and (2) remove unnecessary and undesirable inconsistencies. In addition, this bill seeks to solve the problem of duplication of effort in the top management headquarters of each Military Department.

In preparing revisions of the Military Department statutes, the Committee carefully examined the existing provisions of law. The resulting revisions are a compilation of the most appropriate provisions of each of the Military Department statutes. The Committee also found no reason that these statutes should not be, with a limited number of exceptions, as consistent as possible. The Committee also recommends that the chapters dealing with the organization of each Military Department be structured in a similar manner. Tables 1 and 2 show the reorganization and consolidation of the chapters dealing, respectively, with the Military Department Secretaries and Secretariats and Service Headquarters Staffs that would be provided by this bill.

TABLE 1.—*Chapters relating to Military Department Secretaries and Secretariats*

CHAPTER 303—DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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3011.	Organization.
3012.	Department of the Army: seal.
3013.	Secretary of the Army: appointment; powers and duties; delegation authority.
3014.	Office of the Secretary of the Army.
3015.	Under Secretary of the Army: appointment; powers and duties.
3016.	Assistant Secretaries of the Army: appointment; powers and duties.
3017.	Secretary of the Army: successors to duties.
3018.	Inspector General of the Army: detail; duties.
3019.	Reserve components of Army: policies and regulations for government of.