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*Sec. 3016. Assistant Secretaries of the Army: appointment; powers and duties*

Section 3016 deals with the Assistant Secretaries of the Army, which are now part of existing section 3013. Subsection (a) would continue to prescribe five Assistant Secretaries appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Subsection (b) would provide that the Assistant Secretaries shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe. In addition, subsection (b) would continue to specify the titles and duties of two Assistant Secretaries: Manpower and Reserve Affairs and Civil Works. Given the important manpower responsibilities of the Department of the Army, especially regarding the reserve components, the Committee believes that the Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs should be a specified position. As the civil works function is a unique responsibility assigned to the Army, the Committee believes that the Assistant Secretary for Civil Works should also be specified in the law.

*Sec. 3017. Secretary of the Army: successors to duties*

Section 3017 deals with the successors to the duties of the Secretary of the Army if he dies, resigns, is removed from office, is absent, or is disabled. Section 201 of this bill would delete subsection (b) which relates to performance of the Secretary's duties by the Chief of Staff, who is last in the specified line of succession, or by any officer of the Army designated under section 3347 of title 5. Subsection (b) provides that such performance of duties shall not be considered as the holding of a civil office within the meaning of section 973(b) of this title. Amendments to section 973(b) that antedate section 3017(b) preclude the need for the subsection. For this reason, the Committee recommends that subsection (b) be deleted.

*Sec. 3018. Inspector General of the Army: detail; duties*

Section 3018 deals with the Inspector General of the Army, which is currently a part of section 3039 of chapter 305. Subsection (a) would continue the current prescriptions for the detail of the Inspector General by the Secretary of the Army. In accordance with the Committee's recommendation, subsection (a) would provide that the Inspector General would be part of the Office of the Secretary of the Army. The Inspector General can assist the Secretary of the Army in carrying out his responsibilities to provide effective civilian control of the Department of the Army. For this reason, the Committee believes that the Inspector General should be directly subordinated to the Secretary of the Army. Subsections (b) and (c) would prescribe the duties of the Inspector General. Subsection (d) would continue the authority now provided in subsection (a) of section 3040 for the Inspector General to have such deputies and assistants as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe.