

subsection (d) would be amended to prescribe that the Chief of Staff performs his Army duties subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Army, the specification of his JCS duties in subsection (d) should be deleted. The Committee recommends this change because it believes that the JCS duties of the Chief of Staff should not be subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Army. The sole purpose of the new subsection (e) is to place these duties outside the duties of the Chief of Staff that are subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Army.

*Sec. 3034. Vice Chief of Staff: appointment; powers and duties; succession to duties of Chief of Staff*

Subsection (d) of section 202 of this bill would redesignate section 3035, dealing with the Vice Chief of Staff, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, and Assistant Chiefs of Staff, as section 3034 and would provide that this section deal only with the Vice Chief of Staff. Subsection (a) of section 3034 (as redesignated) would require that the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Of the four Service Vice Chiefs of Staff, this requirement currently applies only to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. The Committee believes that it should apply to each Service Vice Chief of Staff.

Subsection (b) would provide that the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, while so serving, has the grade of general without vacating his regular or reserve grade. Currently, of the four Vice Chiefs of Staff, only the grade of the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps is prescribed in law. The Committee believes that the grade of general or admiral should be specified in law for all Service Vice Chiefs of Staff.

Subsection (c) of section 3034 (as redesignated) would not be changed by this bill. Subsection (c) relates to the delegation of authorities and duties by the Chief of Staff to the Vice Chief of Staff.

Subsection (d) of section 3034 (as redesignated) would provide for the succession to the duties of the Chief of Staff should there be a vacancy in the office of Chief of Staff or should he be absent or disabled. Subsection (d) would slightly modify the current line of succession specified in subsection (b) of existing section 3035. Subsection (d) would specify that the Vice Chief of Staff would perform the duties of the Chief of Staff if there is a vacancy in that office or if he is absent or disabled. If there is a vacancy in the office of Vice Chief of Staff or if he is absent or disabled, then, unless otherwise directed by the President, the most senior Army officer in the Army Staff who is not restricted in performance of duty shall perform the duties of the Chief of Staff.

Subsection (e) of section 202 of this bill would amend chapter 305 of title 10 to add a new section 3035 dealing with the Deputy Chiefs of Staff and Assistant Chiefs of Staff. The new section 3035 would simply indicate that the Deputy and Assistant Chiefs of Staff shall be general officers.

Subsection (f) of section 202 of this bill provides conforming amendments. Paragraph (1) would insert a new section 3038 dealing with the Office of Army Reserve. This section now appears as section 3019 in chapter 303 from which it would be struck. It is