

make one policy change in that the Commandant of the Marine Corps instead of the Vice Chief of Naval Operations would be placed in the line of succession after the Chief of Naval Operations.

Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 301 of this bill would redesignate section 5088 (Naval Inspector General: detail; duties) of chapter 509 as section 5018 and would transfer it to chapter 503. This redesignation and transfer would implement the Committee's recommendation that the Naval Inspector General be made part of the Office of the Secretary of the Navy. The Naval Inspector General can assist the Secretary of the Navy in carrying out his responsibilities to provide effective civilian control of the Department of the Navy. For this reason, the Committee believes that the Naval Inspector General should be directly subordinated to the Secretary of the Navy. In addition, subsections (a) and (c) of section 5018 (as redesignated) would be amended (1) to specify that the Office of the Naval Inspector General is part of the Office of the Secretary of the Navy instead of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and (2) to require the Naval Inspector General to propose programs of inspections to the Secretary of the Navy instead of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Subsection (b) of section 301 of this bill would redesignate:

section 5150 (Office of Naval Research: Chief; appointment, term, emoluments; Assistant Chief; succession to duties) as section 5019;

section 5151 (Office of Naval Research: duties) as section 5020;

section 5152 (Office of Naval Research: appropriations; time limit) as section 5021; and

section 5153 (Naval Research Advisory Committee) as section 5022.

Beyond these redesignations, subsection (b) would transfer these four sections to chapter 503. As the Office of Naval Research is part of the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, these four sections are more appropriately included in chapter 503.

Subsection (c) of section 301 of this bill would make a number of conforming amendments. Key among these is that chapters 505 and 507 would be repealed. The sections of chapter 505 would be reenacted with revisions in chapter 503. Chapter 507 deals with the Office of the Comptroller of the Navy and contains sections on the Comptroller of the Navy, the Office of Budget and Reports, and the Director and Assistant Director of the Office of Budget and Reports. The repeal of chapter 507 means that these offices and officers would no longer be established by law. The Committee believes that these offices and officers, if they are required, do not need to be specified in law.

In addition, subsection (c) of section 301 of this bill would amend chapter 661 (Accountability and Responsibility) to redesignate sections 7861 and 7862 as sections 7862 and 7863, respectively, and to insert a new section 7861 dealing with custody of departmental records and property. Section 7861 would provide that the Secretary of the Navy has custody and charge of all books, records, papers, furniture, fixtures, and other property under the lawful control of the executive part of the Department of the Navy. Section 7861 would be consistent with the accountability for these