

add a new section 8018 (Inspector General of the Air Force: detail; duties);

strike out section 8019 (Office of Air Force Reserve: appointment of Chief); and

redesignate section 8033 (Reserve components of Air Force: policies and regulations for government of; functions of National Guard Bureau with respect to Air National Guard), now part of chapter 805, as section 3019 and transfer it to chapter 803.

Chapter 803 of title 10, which is amended by section 401 of this bill, deals primarily with the Secretary of the Air Force and the offices and officers that comprise the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. In the reorganization of the chapter, all sections of the Air Force statutes dealing with these offices and officers are placed in chapter 803 and those dealing with other Air Force organizations are deleted and reenacted elsewhere. In particular, section 8019 (Office of Air Force Reserve) is deleted from the chapter because it is part of the Air Staff. Likewise, section 8033 (Reserve components of Air Force) of chapter 805 dealing with the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee is transferred to chapter 803.

The striking out of current section 8014 would mean that the position of Comptroller of the Air Force would no longer be established by law. The Committee believes that this official, if he is required, does not need to be specified in law. Striking this section does not mean to prohibit the Secretary of the Air Force from continuing to designate this position.

Beyond these changes, three newly created sections would be added to chapter 803. Section 8014 would establish the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force in law. Section 8016 would provide a separate section for the Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force. The Assistant Secretaries and the Under Secretary of the Air Force are currently included in a single section (existing section 8013). The third section that would be added is section 8018 dealing with the Inspector General of the Air Force. The Committee recommends that the Inspector General be designated as part of the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. The Inspector General can assist the Secretary of the Air Force in carrying out his responsibilities to provide effective civilian control of the Department of the Air Force. For this reason, the Committee believes that the Inspector General should be directly subordinated to the Secretary of the Air Force.

Beyond these reorganizational changes, section 401 would make substantial amendments to current prescriptions for the Secretary of the Air Force and the offices and officers of the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. These changes are identical to those made by section 201 of title II of this bill with respect to the Army and will not be repeated here. Three items of particular interest, however, will be highlighted. First, subsection (c) of section 8014 would require the Secretary of the Air Force to ensure that the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force does not duplicate specific functions for which the Air Staff has been assigned responsibility. While recommending this elimination of duplication, the Committee does see a continuing need for the General Counsel of the Air Force as a key assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, particularly on sen-