

“(f) **RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS.**—After first informing the Secretary of Defense, a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff may make such recommendations to Congress relating to the Department of Defense as he considers appropriate.

“(g) **MEETINGS OF JCS.**—(1) The Chairman shall convene regular meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“(2) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the President and the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman shall—

“(A) preside over the Joint Chiefs of Staff;

“(B) provide agenda for the meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (including, as the Chairman considers appropriate, any subject for the agenda recommended by any other member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff);

“(C) assist the Joint Chiefs of Staff in carrying on their business as promptly as practicable; and

“(D) determine when issues under consideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall be decided.

**“§ 152. Chairman: appointment; rank**

“(a) **APPOINTMENT; TERM OF OFFICE.**—(1) There is a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the officers of the regular components of the armed forces. The Chairman serves at the pleasure of the President for a term of two years, beginning on October 1 of odd-numbered years. Subject to paragraph (3), an officer serving as Chairman may be reappointed in the same manner for two additional terms. However, in time of war there is no limit on the number of reappointments.

“(2) In the event of the death, retirement, resignation, or reassignment of the officer serving as Chairman before the end of the term for which the officer was appointed, an officer appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve as Chairman only for the remainder of the original term, but may be reappointed as provided in paragraph (1).

“(3) An officer may not serve as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff if the combined period of service of such officer in such positions exceeds six years. However, the President may extend to eight years the combined period of service an officer may serve in such positions if he determines such action is in the national interest. The limitations of this paragraph do not apply in time of war.

“(b) **REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT.**—(1) The President may appoint an officer as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff only if the officer has served as—

“(A) the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;

“(B) the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, or the Commandant of the Marine Corps; or

“(C) the commander of a unified or specified combatant command.

“(2) The President may waive paragraph (1) in the case of an officer if the President determines such action is necessary in the national interest.

“(c) **GRADE AND RANK.**—The Chairman, while so serving, holds the grade of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy, admiral and outranks all other officers of the armed forces. However, he may not exercise military command over the Joint Chiefs of Staff or any of the armed forces.