

TITLE II—COORDINATION OF AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE COUNCIL

SEC. 201.* [72 Stat. 427 42 U.S.C. 2471] (a) There is hereby established in the Executive Office of the President, the National Aeronautics and Space Council (hereinafter called the "Council") which shall be composed of—

- (1) the Vice President, who shall be Chairman of the Council;
- (2) the Secretary of State;
- (3) the Secretary of Defense;
- (4) the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and
- (5) the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

(b) The President shall from time to time designate one of the members of the Council to preside over meetings of the Council during the absence, disability, or unavailability of the Chairman.

(c) Each member of the Council may designate another officer of his department or agency to serve on the Council as his alternate in his unavoidable absence.

(d) Each alternate member designated under subsection (c) of this section shall be designated to serve as such by and with the advice and consent of the Senate unless at the time of his designation he holds an office in the Federal Government to which he was appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(e) It shall be the function of the Council to advise and assist the President, as he may request, with respect to the performance of functions in the aeronautics and space field, including the following functions:

- (1) survey all significant aeronautical and space activities, including the policies, plans, programs, and accomplishments of all departments and agencies of the United States engaged in such activities;

- (2) develop a comprehensive program of aeronautical and space activities to be conducted by departments and agencies of the United States;

- (3) designate and fix responsibility for the direction of major aeronautical and space activities;

- (4) provide for effective cooperation among all departments and agencies of the United States engaged in aeronautical and space activities, and specify, in any case in which primary responsibility for any category of aeronautical and space activities has been assigned to any department or agency, which of those activities may be carried on concurrently by other departments or agencies; and

- (5) resolve differences arising among departments and agencies of the United States with respect to aeronautical and space