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# S. 2718

To redesignate the position of the Secretary of the Navy as the Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11 (legislative day, JULY 10), 2002

Mr. BURNS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds the following:

5               (1) On November 10, 1775, the Continental  
6       Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolu-  
7       tion directing that “two Battalions of Marines be  
8       raised” for service as landing forces with the fleet,  
9       thereby establishing the Continental Marines and

1       signifying the birth of the United States Marine  
2       Corps.

3           (2) The Marines throughout the Nation's his-  
4       tory have often been called upon to be the first into  
5       battle and have accepted this duty without hesitation  
6       and with a sense of honor and esprit de corps that  
7       is second to none.

8           (3) Marine Corps units constitute approxi-  
9       mately 20 percent of the United States military's ac-  
10      tive ground maneuver battalions, 20 percent of the  
11      active fighter/attack squadrons, 17 percent of the at-  
12      tack helicopters, and nearly one third of the ground  
13      combat service support in the active forces.

14          (4) Throughout the 226-year history of the  
15      Navy and Marine Corps, they have fought side by  
16      side as a cohesive team against any interests that  
17      would do the Nation harm.

18          (5) The Marine Corps is the only service in the  
19      Department of Defense without a specific service  
20      Secretary.

21          (6) The Secretary of the Navy serves as both  
22      the Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of the Ma-  
23      rine Corps.

1 **SEC. 2. CHANGE IN TITLE OF SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.**

2 (a) CHANGE IN TITLE.—The position of the Sec-  
3 retary of the Navy is hereby redesignated as the Secretary  
4 of the Navy and Marine Corps.

5 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Secretary of  
6 the Navy in any law, regulation, document, record, or  
7 other paper of the United States shall be considered to  
8 be a reference to the Secretary of the Navy and Marine  
9 Corps.

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