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As I have explained, I deleted the so-called "incumbent protection" language from last session's draft because it is unnecessary. The change in an appointing authority does not affect the status of an incumbent secretary, except that it changes the identity of the authority that can remove the secretary from office. Superfluous language should not be added to the statutes because it makes the statutes unnecessarily long and complex and because it may lead to misinterpretation by courts, for example, if another bill changing an appointing authority omits the superfluous language.

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