

§ 525. Distribution of commissioned officers on active duty in general officer and flag officer grades

(a) No appointment may be made in a grade above brigadier general in the Army, Air Force, or Marine Corps if that appointment would result in more than 50 percent of the general officers of that armed force on active duty being in grades above brigadier general. No appointment may be made in a grade above commodore in the Navy if that appointment would result in more than 50 percent of the flag officers of the Navy on active duty being in grades above commodore.

(b) (1) No appointment may be made in a grade above major general in the Army, Air Force, or Marine Corps if that appointment would result in more than 15 percent of the general officers of that armed force on active duty being in grades above major general. In the case of the Army and Air Force, of the 15 percent of general officers on active duty who may be serving in grades above major general, not more than 25 percent may be serving in the grade of general.

(2) No appointment may be made in a grade above rear admiral in the Navy if that appointment would result in more than 15 percent of the flag officers of the Navy on active duty being in grades above rear admiral. Of the 15 percent of flag officers on active duty who may be serving in grades above rear admiral, not more than 25 percent may be serving in the grade of admiral.

(3) An officer while serving as Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or as Chief of Staff to the President, if serving in the grade of general or admiral, is in addition to the number authorized his armed force for that grade under paragraph (1) or (2).

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SUMMARY

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 6954 is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by several changes in its organization and operation. It also would establish a Senior Strategy Advisory Board to advise the President, the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on military strategy and tactics.

FISCAL DATA

The committee concurs in the cost estimate submitted by the Congressional Budget Office.

DEPARTMENTAL POSITION

The Department of Defense has taken no formal position on the provisions of H.R. 6954.

COMMITTEE POSITION

The Committee on Armed Services on August 11, 1982, without objection agreed to report H.R. 6954.