

Should the Committee so desire, we would be pleased to provide further details on this estimate.

Sincerely,

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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE—COST ESTIMATE

1. Bill number: H.R. 6954.
2. Bill title: Joint Chiefs of Staff Reorganization Act of 1982.
3. Bill status: As ordered reported by the House Committee on Armed Services on August 11, 1982.
4. Bill purpose: The bill provides for more efficient and effective operation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and establishes a Senior Strategy Advisory Board in the Department of Defense.

Specifically, the bill would:

(a) permit members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to submit to the Secretary of Defense or to the President any opinion in disagreement with military advice of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or its Chairman;

(b) require the Chairman to inform the Secretary of Defense and, when appropriate, the President, of those issues upon which the Joint Chiefs of Staff agree, as well as those upon which they disagree. The Chairman currently is required to provide the latter. This bill would also permit the Chairman to provide military advice in his own right; and

(c) establish the position of Deputy Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Deputy Chairman would be 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 and Deputy Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff could not be members of the same service. The term of the Deputy Chairman would be two years and could be renewed for one additional term. The Deputy Chairman would hold the rank of general or, in the case of a Navy officer, admiral.

The bill proposes more specific language concerning the selection of officers to serve on the existing 400-officer Joint Staff that serves the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The bill would permit the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs (instead of the Joint Chiefs themselves) to appoint these officers and would give the Chairman greater guidance in their selection.

The bill permits an officer serving as the chief of a service or as the commander of a unified or specified command to provide formal comments on any report or recommendation of the Joint Staff prepared for submittal to the Joint Chiefs of Staff before the report or recommendation is submitted.

The bill would establish a Senior Strategy Advisory Board to provide advice and recommendations on military strategy and tactics to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The members of the ten-person board would be selected from retired officers in the grade of general or admiral who, while on active duty, served as members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or as commanders of a unified or specified command. The term of each member would be five years. Members of the Board would not be entitled to compensation but would be paid per diem and travel and transportation allowances.