

1           “(5) If the Chairman recommends officers for promotion  
2 under paragraph (4), the Secretary concerned shall add the  
3 names of those officers to the report of the selection board.  
4 However, if (after consulting with the Chairman) the Secre-  
5 tary concerned disagrees with any such recommendation of  
6 the Chairman, the Secretary shall indicate such disagree-  
7 ment, and the reasons for such disagreement, as part of his  
8 transmittal of the report of the selection board to the Secre-  
9 tary of Defense under subsection (c).”; and

10           (3) by adding at the end of paragraph (1) of sub-  
11 section (c) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the fol-  
12 lowing new sentences: “If the Secretary concerned and  
13 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff disagree with  
14 respect to a recommendation for promotion by the  
15 Chairman under subsection (b), the Secretary of De-  
16 fense shall decide the matter before transmitting the  
17 report to the President. After final action by the Secre-  
18 tary of Defense, the report of the selection board as  
19 modified in accordance with subsection (b) and the de-  
20 cisions of the Secretary of Defense shall be deemed for  
21 all purposes to be the report of a selection board.”.

22 **SEC. 303. JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS**

23           (a) **PREREQUISITE FOR GENERAL OFFICER OR FLAG**  
24 **RANK.**—Section 619 of title 10, United States Code, is