

committees to coordinate efforts to minimize duplication and micro-management. A primary goal for the task force will be to redraw and reassert jurisdictional differences among the committees. The task force would also work to facilitate the implementation of biennial budgeting, which was a key recommendation of the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on Defense Management.

(4) Section 503 of this bill would waive 268 statutory reporting requirements imposed on the Department of Defense and the President. This represents a reduction by about two-thirds of the total defense reporting requirements imposed in statute. The Committee has also reviewed tougher guidelines for approving subsequent study and reporting provisions.

(5) The Committee is preparing changes to its rules and procedures that will streamline the Committee's oversight.

(6) The Committee leadership has proposed to their House Armed Services Committee counterparts a joint effort to establish procedures for minimizing duplicative hearings and reporting requirements. It is hoped these procedures will be implemented in the 1st session of the 100th Congress.

Congressional reform must extend beyond the confines of defense oversight. Ultimately, fundamental patterns of congressional behavior must change. Committee jurisdictions must be reasserted and tightened to minimize overlap and duplication. Redundant legislative phases of budgeting, authorizing, and appropriating must be consolidated. The orderly process of deliberation within committees, rather than unending floor amendments, must again become customary in the Senate. The Committee is prepared to take the necessary steps in its own procedures to begin changes that ultimately must be made by the entire Congress.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE BILL

This bill, the Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986, has five titles. The first four titles would amend title 10, United States Code, while the fifth title, containing general provisions and the effective date for this bill, would amend other provisions of law or prescribe new free-standing provisions of law. Title I of this bill would amend subtitle A (General Military Law) of title 10. Title II of this bill would amend subtitle C (Army) of title 10. Title III of this bill would amend subtitle C (Navy and Marine Corps) of title 10. Title IV of this bill would amend subtitle D (Air Force) of title 10.

In total, 21 chapters of title 10 would be amended by this bill; two chapters would be repealed; and three new chapters would be created. The chapters of title 10 that would be amended, repealed, or created by the first four titles of this bill are:

#### TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Chapter 3—General Powers

Chapter 4—Department of Defense

Chapter 5—Joint Chiefs of Staff

Chapter 6—Combatant Commands (new)

Chapter 8—Defense Agencies

Chapter 32—Officer Strength and Distribution in Grade

Chapter 35—Temporary Appointments in Officer Grades