

retaries. The Committee believes that the Secretary of Defense should have substantial flexibility in designating his principal assistants. Providing this additional flexibility with respect to Assistant Secretaries of Defense will partially offset the repeal, as would be provided by section 101 of this bill, of the Secretary of Defense's current authority to transfer, reassign, consolidate, or abolish functions, powers, and duties specified in law.

The Committee recommends that the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs be retained in law because of the continuing need to ensure an appropriate emphasis on the important role of the reserve components in the Nation's defense effort. Too often, the reserve components are not adequately considered in defense planning and resource allocation. The Committee believes that the statutory assignment of these responsibilities to an Assistant Secretary of Defense continues to be warranted.

Section 107 of this bill would further amend section 137 (as redesignated) of title 10 to make technical changes to subsection (c) relating to the authority of an Assistant Secretary of Defense to issue an order to a Military Department. In particular, clause (2) of subsection (c) would be amended to delete the phrase "or his designee", referring to a designee of a Secretary of a Military Department, which the Committee believes is unnecessary.

Section 107 of this bill would further amend section 137 (as redesignated) of title 10 to delete the current subsection (d). This subsection, relating to the cooperation of personnel in the Military Departments with OSD personnel, is more appropriately included in the new section 134 of title 10 dealing with the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

SEC. 108. COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Section 108 of this bill would amend chapter 4 of title 10 to add a new section 138 dealing with the Comptroller of the Department of Defense. While the Committee recommends in section 107 of this bill that the Comptroller of the Department of Defense need not be specified as an Assistant Secretary of Defense, it does believe that the senior fiscal officer of the Department of Defense should be specified in law, should be appointed from civilian life, and should perform the fiscal duties now assigned to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Section 138 of title 10 would establish the position of Comptroller of the Department of Defense and would assign to that position the same duties now assigned to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). The Secretary of Defense could continue to designate the Comptroller of the Department of Defense as an Assistant Secretary of Defense. Alternatively, he could choose not to designate the Comptroller of the Department of Defense as an Assistant Secretary position.

SEC. 109. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Section 109 of this bill would amend chapter 4 of title 10 to add a new section 141 dealing with the Inspector General of the Department of Defense. The Inspector General of the Department of Defense was established in 1982 by amendment of the Inspector Gen-