

of the three current sections. Because the amendments to chapter 5 are fairly large in number and scope, section 111 of this bill simply restates all of the sections of chapter 5 in their amended form, including a redesignation of section numbers to begin with section 151.

Section 111 has four subsections. Subsection (a) adds the four new sections of chapter 5. Subsection (b) contains three conforming amendments. The date for the first report by the JCS Chairman on the Services' roles and missions is specified in subsection (c). Subsection (d) establishes the effective date for the limitation on the number of personnel assigned to the Joint Staff.

Subsection (a) of section 111 would add the following new sections:

- Sec. 151. Composition; functions
- Sec. 152. Chairman
- Sec. 153. Vice Chairman
- Sec. 154. Joint Staff

*Sec. 151. Composition; functions*

Section 151 of title 10 would specify the composition of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the relationship between the Chairman and the other JCS members, and the relationship of the Chairman and the other JCS members to senior civilian officials. Paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 151 would add the new position of Vice Chairman (established by section 153) to the current membership of the JCS.

*Previous Joint Experience for JCS Members*

Paragraph (2) of subsection (a) would require the members of the JCS to have served in at least one joint duty position for a substantial period of time before their assignment to the JCS. This requirement reflects the Committee's strong belief that previous joint experience would greatly help the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the Service Chiefs to carry out their JCS duties. At the same time, however, the Committee would preserve the President's flexibility in assigning these senior military officers by authorizing him to waive this requirement if he determines such action to be in the national interest.

Although the phrase "joint duty position" is used in this and other provisions, it is not defined in this bill. Instead, the Committee has decided to allow the Department of Defense to apply its own definition in implementing provisions of this bill. Nonetheless, if the Defense Department chooses to define "joint duty positions" broadly enough to encompass positions within one or more Services, the Committee believes that such "in-Service" positions should be very small in number and should carry responsibilities that usually go beyond single-Service interests. In other words, the Committee urges the Department to limit its definition of "joint duty positions" to those that entail truly joint responsibilities or perspectives.

*JCS Chairman as Principal Military Adviser*

Subsection (b) of section 151 would substitute the JCS Chairman for the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the principal military adviser to the