

and strengths on meeting national security objectives and on strategic plans.

The purpose of this new provision is to establish a link that does not now exist between contingency and strategic planning. These two kinds of military planning are currently conducted largely in isolation from one another. Requiring the Chairman to link the two should create a useful cycle in which operational limitations identified during contingency planning would help to make strategic plans and the setting of national security objectives more realistic.

Clause (7) of subsection (d) would highlight the assessment of joint military requirements for defense acquisition programs as a separate duty for the Chairman. Currently, this duty is found in much briefer form in conjunction with the review of major personnel requirements in existing clause (4) of subsection (c) of section 141.

In light of the Chairman's unique role in planning and operational matters, the Committee carefully avoids requiring him to spend too much time and energy on the acquisition of defense systems. However, the Committee believes that it would be appropriate for the Chairman to assess acquisition requirements that are joint in nature, especially those affecting the interoperability of communications equipment.

Clause (8) of subsection (d) is a new provision that would direct the Chairman to develop doctrine for the joint employment of the armed forces.

Clause (9) of subsection (d) would change the current provision to clarify that the joint training policies formulated by the Chairman are subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense.

Clause (10) of subsection (d) would change the current provision to clarify that the policies formulated by the Chairman for coordinating military education and training are subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense. It would also emphasize the Chairman's special responsibility for coordinating the Services' education and training of officers who serve in joint duty positions.

Based upon its review of these duties, the Committee recommends the elimination of the duty of the corporate JCS to establish unified combatant commands in strategic areas (existing clause (3) of section 141(c)). Assigning this task to the JCS is an anomaly because another provision of the law (existing section 124; new section 162) assigns the same responsibility to the President. The Committee believes that establishing unified combatant commands is properly a responsibility of the President; therefore, it is not included among the duties transferred to the JCS Chairman.

Report on the Services' Roles and Missions

Subsection (e) of section 152 would require the Chairman to submit a periodic report to the Secretary of Defense on the assignment of functions or roles and missions to the four military Services. In this report, the Chairman is to recommend to the Secretary any changes in the allocation of roles and missions that are necessary to ensure the maximum effectiveness of the armed forces. With the first report due 1 year after the enactment of this bill