

SEC. 113. REPEAL OF PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSOLIDATING FUNCTIONS
OF THE MILITARY TRANSPORTATION COMMANDS

Section 1110 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1983 (Public Law 97-252; 96 Stat. 747) prohibits the consolidation of any of the functions being performed by the Military Traffic Management Command of the Army, the Military Sealift Command of the Navy, or the Military Airlift Command of the Air Force. This prohibition was enacted into law to block the Defense Department's plans to consolidate the Military Traffic Management Command and the Military Sealift Command into a new unified command to be designated the Military Transportation Command.

The Committee believes that this prohibition is an inappropriate and undesirable congressional restriction on the Secretary of Defense's authority to provide more effective, efficient, and economical administration and operation. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that this prohibition be repealed. Repeal of this prohibition was also recommended by the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on Defense Management. In its "An Interim Report to the President," the Commission recommended:

The Secretary of Defense should establish a single unified command to integrate global air, land, and sea transportation, and should have flexibility to structure this organization as he sees fit. Legislation prohibiting such a command should be repealed. (page 12)

Section 113 of this bill would repeal section 1110 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1983.

SEC. 114. REPEAL OF PROHIBITION AGAINST ALTERING THE COMMAND
STRUCTURE FOR MILITARY FORCES IN ALASKA

Section 8106 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1986, as contained in the Continuing Resolution for fiscal year 1986, prohibits alteration of the command structure for military forces in Alaska. Command arrangements for Alaska are unnecessarily and ineffectively divided and preclude improved preparedness for possible military operations in times of war or crisis. Two years ago, the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommended substantial restructuring of command arrangements for Alaska.

The Committee believes that the current congressional prohibition is an unwarranted infringement upon the President's authority to specify command arrangements for U.S. military forces. In section 114 of this bill, the Committee, therefore, recommends repeal of section 8106 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1986.

SEC. 115. POSITIONS OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Section 115 of this bill would amend section 601 of title 10 to add two new personnel provisions. First, it would add a new subsection (d) to section 601 requiring the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to evaluate the joint duty performance of officers recommended to the President for promotion to the grades of 4-star general or admiral or 3-star lieutenant general or vice admiral. The Chair-