

Subsection (b) of section 191 would require the Secretary of Defense to assign responsibility for the overall supervision of each Defense Agency, except for the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency, and each DoD Field Activity to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, an Under Secretary of Defense, an Assistant Secretary of Defense, the DoD Comptroller, the DoD General Counsel, or the JCS Chairman. The Committee has specified this requirement with the goal of improving the supervision and control of these agencies and activities. The Committee has excluded the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency from the requirements of subsection (b) to ensure their continued direct access to the Secretary of Defense in order to provide independent, unbiased intelligence information and assessments and to obtain funding for critical intelligence efforts. The Committee does not intend this exclusion to preclude the Secretary of Defense from receiving staff assistance in the management of these agencies; rather the Committee intends that the existing relationships of these agencies to the Secretary be maintained.

Subsection (b) would also require each official assigned such supervisory responsibility to advise the Secretary of Defense on the extent to which the program recommendations and budget proposals of these agencies and activities conform with the material requirements of the Military Departments and the operational requirements of the unified and specified combatant commands. This requirement is designed to link closely the output of these agencies and activities with the needs of the organizations that they serve.

Subsection (c) of section 191 would require the Secretary of Defense to establish procedures for the full and effective review of the program recommendations and budget proposals of each Defense Agency and DoD Field Activity. DoD's resource allocation process is oriented toward the proposals of the Military Departments and gives insufficient attention to resource management by the Defense Agencies and DoD Field Activities. Subsection (c) seeks to provide more appropriate emphasis on the programming and budgeting of the common supply and service agencies and activities.

Certain Defense Agencies have wartime support responsibilities. However, these responsibilities do not now receive adequate attention. Paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of section 191 would require the JCS Chairman to advise the Secretary of Defense on the preparedness of these agencies to perform their wartime responsibilities. Paragraph (2) of subsection (d) would require the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence to jointly develop and implement, as they may determine to be necessary, policies and programs to correct deficiencies the JCS Chairman may identify in the wartime support capabilities of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency. The Committee recommends this dual assignment because it will take cooperative action by the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence to correct deficiencies in these two intelligence agencies.

Subsection (e) of section 191 would require the Secretary of Defense to assess periodically the continuing need for each Defense Agency and DoD Field Activity. In addition, the Secretary would be required to assess the division of responsibilities between these agencies and activities and other components of the Department of