

- (3) ensure that senior civilian decision-makers receive the full range of divergent military advice;
- (4) strengthen the representation of the joint military perspective and improve the performance of joint military duties;
- (5) improve the preparation of, and incentives for, military officers serving in joint duty positions;
- (6) enhance the warfighting capabilities of U.S. military forces by strengthening the authority of the unified and specified combatant commanders;
- (7) increase the decentralization of authority within the Department of Defense;
- (8) clarify the operational chain of command;
- (9) reduce and streamline the defense bureaucracy;
- (10) reduce the burdens of congressional oversight of the Department of Defense;
- (11) increase top management attention to the formulation of military strategy, planning for contingencies, and the setting of priorities among major military missions;
- (12) provide for the more efficient use of resources;
- (13) improve the supervision and control of common supply and service agencies (Defense Agencies and Department of Defense Field Activities);
- (14) clarify the roles, responsibilities, and authority of senior civilian officials and senior military officers of the Department of Defense; and
- (15) amend title 10, United States Code, to make it fully consistent with the basic principles of the National Security Act of 1947.

SUMMARY OF THE BILL

This bill would substantially revise those chapters of title 10, United States Code, relating to the organization of the Department of Defense (DoD) and its major elements. It addresses the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the unified and specified combatant commands, the Defense Agencies and DoD Field Activities, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, and the Department of the Air Force. This bill would also waive a substantial number of reports, notifications, and studies that either the President or DoD is currently required to submit to the Congress.

While retaining the organizational framework established by the National Security Act of 1947, this bill seeks to correct the operational and administrative deficiencies that have repeatedly occurred since the last defense reorganization legislation was enacted in 1958, as well as a number of problems that precede the 1958 legislation. In addition, the bill recommended by the Committee would give more appropriate statutory emphasis to various joint organizations, especially the unified and specified combatant commands, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities.

The major provisions of this bill would:

- (1) designate the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) as the principal military adviser to the President, the National Security Council (NSC), and the Secretary of Defense;