

Subsection (f) would continue the authority provided in subsection (c) of existing section 3012 relating to the authority of the Secretary of the Army to assign his functions, powers, and duties to the Under Secretary and Assistant Secretaries. Subsection (g) would continue the authority provided in subsection (e) of existing section 3012 relating to the Secretary's authority to assign, detail, and prescribe the duties of members of the Army and civilian personnel of the Department of the Army. Subsection (h) would continue the authority provided in subsection (f) of existing section 3012 relating to the Secretary's authority to change the title of any officer or activity of the Department of the Army not prescribed by law. Subsection (i) would continue the authority provided in subsection (g) of existing section 3012 relating to the Secretary's authority to prescribe regulations to carry out his functions, powers, and duties.

*Sec. 3014. Office of the Secretary of the Army*

Section 3014 deals with the Office of the Secretary of the Army. Subsection (a) would establish this office in law. Subsection (b) would specify the composition of the office, including the Under Secretary, the Assistant Secretaries, the Inspector General of the Army, and the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee.

Subsection (c) of section 3014 would require the Secretary of the Army to ensure that the Office of the Secretary of the Army does not duplicate specific functions for which the Army Staff has been assigned responsibility. The existence of two separate top management headquarters—the Office of the Secretary of the Army and the Army Staff—has caused problems in terms of duplication of effort. The Committee believes that the Secretary of the Army must devote greater attention and take forceful action to eliminate this counterproductive and inefficient situation. While recommending the elimination of duplication, the Committee does see a continuing need for the General Counsel of the Army as a key assistant to the Secretary of the Army, particularly on sensitive matters directly related to civilian control of the military.

In accordance with subsection (c), subsection (d) would require a 15-percent reduction by September 30, 1988 in the number of military and civilian personnel assigned or detailed to permanent duty in the Office of the Secretary of the Army. This reduced level would then become a permanent personnel ceiling. This limitation would not, however, apply in time of war or during a national emergency declared by Congress. The Committee believes that this 15-percent personnel reduction would be made possible by the elimination of duplication that would be mandated by subsection (c). The effective date of subsection (d) appears as subsection (c) of section 201 of this bill.

*Sec. 3015. Under Secretary of the Army: appointment; powers and duties*

Section 3015 deals with the Under Secretary of the Army, which is now part of existing section 3013. Subsection (a) would continue to specify that the Under Secretary be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Subsection (b) would provide that the Under Secretary shall per-