

Paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of section 3031 would require a 15-percent reduction by September 30, 1988 in the number of military and civilian personnel assigned or detailed to permanent duty to the Army Staff. 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 the duplication of effort between the Army Staff and the Office of the Secretary of the Army and between the Army Staff and the Joint Staff.

Paragraph (2) of subsection (d) would continue limitations, now provided by the current subsection (c), on the number of Army officers assigned or detailed to permanent duty in the Office of the Secretary of the Army and the Army Staff and on or with the Army General Staff. The broader limitation of the current subsection (c) applies to officers assigned or detailed to permanent duty in the executive part of the Department of the Army. Because the executive part of the Department is not precisely defined, the Committee believes that the Office of the Secretary of the Army and the Army Staff should be used instead. The statutory limit on the total number of officers that could be assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the Army and the Army Staff would be reduced from 3,000 to 1,875 as of September 30, 1988. As only 1,536 Army officers are currently assigned to these organizations, this new limitation would not require any reductions in the number of assigned Army officers. Because the Army makes greater use of civilians in its top management headquarters, the Committee does not want to penalize the Army. Accordingly, the limit of 1,875 officers represents 60 percent of the total personnel assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the Army and the Army Staff, which is comparable to the current percentages of military officers assigned to the top management headquarters of the Departments of the Navy and Air Force. The current limitation of 1,000 officers on or with the Army General Staff would not be changed. These limitations would not, however, apply in time of war or during a national emergency declared by Congress or whenever the President finds that it is in the national interest to increase the number of such assigned officers. The effective date of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (d) of section 3031 appears as subsection (g) of section 202 of this bill.

*Sec. 3032. The Army Staff: general duties*

Subsection (b) of section 202 of this bill would amend section 3032 dealing with the general duties of the Army Staff. Subsection (a) of section 3032 would be amended to specify that the Army Staff shall furnish professional assistance to the Chief of Staff of the Army as well as to the Secretary, Under Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries.

Subsection (b) of section 3032 would be amended with three changes. First, it would be made clear that the Army Staff performs its duties under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Army. Second, the list of the functions of the Army in clause (1) would be made consistent with the functions for which the Secretary of the Army has been assigned responsibility in subsection (b) of section 3031 (as amended by section 201 of this