

sitive matters directly related to civilian control of the military. Second, subsection (d) of section 8014 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 Air Force. Third, section 8016 would continue to authorize three Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force and to specify the title and duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

SEC. 402. THE AIR STAFF

Section 402 of this bill would amend chapter 805 dealing with the Air Staff to reorganize the chapter and to clarify the powers and duties of certain officers and offices. The nine subsections of section 402 deal with the following: (a) composition of the Air Staff; (b) general duties of the Air Staff; (c) Chief of Staff; (d) Vice Chief of Staff; (e) Deputy Chiefs of Staff; (f) Judge Advocate General, Deputy Judge Advocate General; (g) Office of the Air Force Reserve; (h) conforming amendments; and (i) effective date of personnel limitations on the Air Staff.

The changes to the Air Staff that would be made by section 402 of this bill are, with limited exceptions, identical to those for the Army Staff that would be provided by section 202 of this bill. Therefore, the descriptions and rationale for such changes will not be repeated here.

One difference is that section 402 would redesignate section 8072 (Judge Advocate General, Deputy Judge Advocate General: appointment; duties), now part of chapter 807, as section 8037 and transfer it to chapter 805. As the Judge Advocate General and Deputy Judge Advocate General are part of the Air Staff, they are more appropriately included in chapter 805 dealing with the Air Staff.

Beyond this difference, three items of interest will be highlighted. First, subsection (b) of section 8031, which specifies the composition of the Air Staff, would be amended to reduce the number of authorized Deputy Chiefs of Staff from five to four. In addition, not more than three Assistant Chiefs of Staff would be authorized. Currently, the number of Assistant Chiefs of Staff of the Air Force is not limited.

Second, paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of section 8031 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 Air 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 the Congress. The Committee believes that this 15-percent personnel reduction would be made possible by the elimination of duplication of effort between the Air Staff and the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and between the Air Staff and the Joint Staff.

Third, paragraph (2) of subsection (d) would continue limitations, now provided by the current subsection (c), on the number of Air Force officers assigned or detailed to permanent duty in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Staff. The limitation of the current subsection (c) applies to officers assigned or detailed