

to permanent duty in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force. Because the executive part of the Department is not precisely defined, the Committee believes that the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Staff should be used instead. The total number of officers that could be assigned to these two organizations would be reduced from 2,800 to 1,575 as of September 30, 1988. The limit of 1,575 officers represents 60 percent (about the current percentage) of the total personnel that could be assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Staff. This limitation would not, however, apply in time of war or during a national emergency declared by the 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) appears as subsection (i) of section 402 of this bill.

#### SEC. 403 COMMANDS

Section 403 of this bill would amend subsection (a) of section 8074 of chapter 807 to provide that the Secretary of the Air Force's authority to divide the Air Force into organizations may be limited by law or the Secretary of Defense.

#### *Title V—General Provisions and Effective Date*

##### SEC. 501. REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES

Section 501 of this bill, a free-standing provision of law, would require reductions in the total number of military and civilian personnel assigned in certain management headquarters activities and management headquarters support activities. Paragraph (1) of subsection (a) would require at least a 10-percent reduction by September 30, 1988 in the total number of military and civilian personnel assigned or detailed to permanent duty to perform management headquarters activities and management headquarters support activities, as defined by subsection (f) of section 501 of this bill, in the Military Departments and the unified and specified combatant commands. Paragraph (2) would provide that these reductions would not apply to the top management headquarters of the Military Departments: the Offices of the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force; the Army Staff; the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; the Headquarters, Marine Corps; and the Air Staff. These headquarters are excluded because they would be reduced by provisions in the titles of this bill on the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

The Committee believes that too many personnel are assigned to management activities in the Military Departments and combatant commands. Some management functions could be eliminated, altogether or, at least, reduced in scope; others could be performed by fewer personnel. If these reductions in functions and personnel are made carefully (instead of in a sweeping, across-the-board manner), they should result in streamlined administrative and operational chains of command. In addition, the focus of these management activities—actual operating and fighting units—should be strength-