

written report on the national security strategy of the United States. This report would be submitted on the same date each year on which the President submits the budget to Congress.

Subsection (b) would specify the contents of this report. Subsection (c) would require the submission of both classified and unclassified versions of the President's report on national security strategy.

The Committee believes that a report on national security strategy will provide an extremely useful framework for the work of the authorizing committees dealing with national defense and foreign policy. Currently, these committees lack a comprehensive context in which to evaluate the authorization requests and policy recommendations of the Administration. Moreover, the absence of a clear statement of national security strategy denies the Congress the opportunity to participate in the setting of policies and objectives for national defense.

Military strategy is but one, albeit the most visible, element of U.S. national security strategy. A comprehensive national security strategy also includes diplomatic and political components, including arms control initiatives; economic components covering trade, international investment, and technology transfer controls; international economic and security assistance programs; and information programs designed to promote international awareness of key events and American policies. The Committee believes that the work of the Congress would be more effective if it received a coordinated, comprehensive description of the role of these various components in the national security strategy of the United States.

SEC. 503. WAIVER OF CERTAIN REPORTING, NOTIFICATION, AND STUDY REQUIREMENTS

Section 503 of this bill, a free-standing provision of law, would waive the requirements for a substantial number of defense reports, notifications, and studies to be submitted to the Congress. Currently, either the President or the Department of Defense is required by titles 10 (Armed Forces) and 37 (Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services) and by various DoD authorization and appropriations Acts to submit 403 recurring reports, notifications, and studies to the Congress. (There are 55 additional defense reporting requirements specified in other provisions of law that are not under the jurisdiction of the Committee.) The Committee believes that this burden of congressional oversight is excessive and diverts DoD's attention away from high priority responsibilities.

As part of its work on this bill, the Committee conducted a comprehensive review of these congressional reporting requirements. After focusing on information essential for effective congressional oversight, the Committee concludes that a substantial number of the current reporting requirements under its jurisdiction are of limited utility and do not justify their costs.

Subsection (a) of section 503 would waive, subject to the exceptions specified in subsection (b), the requirements for all reports, notifications, and studies to be submitted to the Congress by the President or any DoD official or employee under provisions of title 10, title 37, or any DoD authorization or appropriation Act. Subsec-