

the President shall notify Congress not later than 60 days thereafter.”.

SEC. 102. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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1075.

Section 113 (as transferred and redesignated by section 101(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(f) When a vacancy occurs in an office within the Department of Defense and the office is to be filled by a person appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Secretary of Defense shall inform the President of the qualifications needed by a person serving in that office to carry out effectively the duties and responsibilities of that office.

“(g)(1) The Secretary of Defense, with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall provide annually to the heads of Department of Defense components written policy guidance for the preparation and review of the program recommendations and budget proposals of their respective components. Such guidance shall include guidance on—

“(A) national security objectives and policies;

“(B) the priorities of military missions; and

“(C) the resource levels projected to be available for the period of time for which such recommendations and proposals are to be effective.

“(2) The Secretary of Defense, with the approval of the President and after consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall provide annually to the Chairman written policy guidance for the preparation and review of contingency plans. Such guidance shall include guidance on the specific force levels and specific supporting resource levels projected to be available for the period of time for which such plans are to be effective.

“(h) The Secretary of Defense shall keep the Secretaries of the military departments informed with respect to military operations and activities of the Department of Defense that directly affect their respective responsibilities.”.

SEC. 103. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO REORGANIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Section 125 is amended—

(1) by striking out “unless the Secretary” in the second sentence of subsection (a) and all that follows in that subsection and inserting in lieu thereof a period; and

(2) by inserting “vested by law in the Department of Defense, or an officer, official, or agency thereof” in subsection (b) after “function, power, or duty”.

SEC. 104. OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Chapter 4 (as amended by section 101(a)) is further amended by inserting after the table of sections the following new section:

“§ 131. Office of the Secretary of Defense

“(a) There is in the Department of Defense an Office of the Secretary of Defense. The function of the Office is to assist the Secretary of Defense in carrying out his duties and responsibilities and to carry out such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

“(b) The Office of the Secretary of Defense is composed of the following:

“(1) The Deputy Secretary of Defense.