

(2) The Secretary shall include with the report a copy of each report to the Secretary under subsection (b) and a copy of the report of the independent contractor under subsection (e), together with such comments on each such report as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) The report under this subsection shall be submitted not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

### EXPLANATION OF THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The committee adopted an amendment in the nature of a substitute during its consideration of H.R. 4370. This amendment is discussed in detail in the remainder of this report.

### PURPOSE

The bill would change the structure of the Department of Defense:

(1) To increase the responsiveness of the organization to the combatant commands which are responsible for preparation for and conduct of war;

(2) To provide authority to the commanders of combat elements commensurate with their responsibility;

(3) To achieve the policy declared by the Congress in the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, "to provide for unified strategic direction of the combatant forces, for their operation under unified command, and for their integration into an efficient team of land, naval, and air forces \* \* \*";

(4) To establish military officer personnel management policies to improve performance of joint functions;

(5) To revise the organization of the military departments to increase civilian control and to eliminate duplication and staff layering; and

(6) To ensure that defense agencies are more responsive to the requirements of U.S. combatant commanders and other recipients of their support and services.

The bill would also require thorough reappraisals of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the defense agencies as a prelude to possible additional changes.

### SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The legislation would amend title 10, United States Code, providing changes in the principal organizational elements of the Department of Defense. It would also require studies of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the defense agencies and would require yearly Presidential reports on the national security structure of the United States.

### TITLE I—COMBATANT COMMANDS

Title I contains a number of provisions intended to strengthen the unified and specified commands, their commanders, and the relationship of those commands and their commanders to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Defense, and the military departments. The legislation would provide that the unified and specified commanders (the CINCs), who are responsible for preparation for and the conduct of