

**BILL NICHOLS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1986**

JULY 21, 1986.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. NICHOLS, from the Committee on Armed Services,  
submitted the following

**R E P O R T**

[To accompany H.R. 4370]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Armed Services to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4370) to amend title 10, United States Code, to reorganize the Department of Defense, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Bill Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986".

**TITLE I—COMBATANT COMMANDS**

**SEC. 101. ENHANCEMENT OF AUTHORITY OF COMMANDERS OF UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED COMBATANT COMMANDS.**

(a) **REVISION AND EXTENSION OF COMBATANT COMMAND AUTHORITY.**—(1) Title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 5 the following new chapter:

**"CHAPTER 6—COMBATANT COMMANDS**

"161. Establishment.

"162. Forces assigned to combatant commands.

"163. Functions and supervision.

"164. Administration and support of assigned forces.

"165. Unified and specified commands: program and budget proposals; net assessments.

"166. Combatant command subordinate commanders and CINC staff officers: selection and tenure.

"167. Joint Commanders Council.