

"(2) establish priorities in accordance with guidance provided by the Secretary; and

"(3) recommend to the Secretary for the purposes of subsection (a) a budget proposal for each command.

"(e) **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE GUIDANCE.**—Budget proposals under subsections (c) and (d) shall be prepared in accordance with, and subject to, guidance furnished by the Secretary of Defense, including guidance with respect to anticipated budget limitations.

"(f) **NET ASSESSMENTS.**—(1) In accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary of Defense, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of any net assessment conducted by an organization of the Department of Defense shall be made available to the commanders of the unified and specified combatant commands.

"(2) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall establish procedures by which—

"(A) each commander of a combatant command may require the Joint Staff to assist the commander with respect to net assessments relating to the commander's duties; and

"(B) each commander shall contribute to the preparation, conduct, and findings of net assessments performed by the Joint Staff.

"(3) The Secretary of Defense shall establish procedures by which a commander of a combatant command may require organizations of the Department of Defense that perform net assessments (in addition to the Joint Staff) to assist the commander with respect to net assessments relating to the commander's duties.

"(4) The commander of a unified or specified combatant command shall include the results of any current net assessment conducted by or on behalf of his command—

"(A) in preparing any evaluation of the capabilities of his command for submission to the Secretary or the Chairman; and

"(B) in developing operations plans for the command.

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

"(a) **SELECTION.**—

"(1) **SENIOR GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICERS.**—The selection of a general or flag officer for recommendation to the President for nomination to an assignment as a principal subordinate officer of the commander of a unified or specified combatant command, or to the staff of such a commander, in a position of importance and responsibility designated by the President under section 601 of this title shall be made by the commander of that command in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. Such procedures shall provide for the selection to be made from a list of officers submitted to the commander by the Secretary of the military department concerned and that the commander may specify the number of officers to be included on such a list.

"(2) **OTHER OFFICERS.**—Except as provided under paragraph (1), the selection of an officer to an assignment as a principal subordinate officer of the commander of a unified or specified combatant command, or to the staff of such a commander, shall be made by that commander. Such selection shall be made from a list of officers submitted to the commander by the Secretary of the military department concerned. The commander may specify the number of officers to be included on such a list.

"(b) **TENURE.**—The tenure of an officer assigned to a combatant command under subsection (a) is subject to the approval of the commander of the combatant command.

**"§ 167. Joint Commanders Council**

"(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is hereby established in the Department of Defense a council to be known as the 'Joint Commanders Council'. The Council consists of—

"(1) the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who is the head of the Council; and

"(2) the commanders of the unified and specified combatant commands.

"(b) **FUNCTIONS.**—The Council, as a body, shall—

"(1) provide advice to the President and Secretary of Defense on matters with respect to which such advice is requested; and

"(2) advise the Chairman, as requested by him, on the execution of the Chairman's responsibilities."

(2) The tables of chapters at the beginning of subtitle A, and at the beginning of part I of subtitle A, of such title are amended by inserting after the item relating to chapter 5 the following new item: