

the Secretary of Defense would also be required of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the military department secretaries. The committee has received testimony and other communications from military department civilian and military officials and members of the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommending changes in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The committee believes that it would be beneficial for the leadership of each major component of the Department of Defense to share their views with the Secretary of Defense concerning the functions, division of responsibilities, and management structure of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Subsection 502(a) requires that the documents generated by the study of the Office of the Secretary of Defense be submitted to Congress. The committee intends that these materials be used to determine whether any further legislation relating to the structure of the Office is needed.

DEPARTMENTAL POSITION

The committee has not received an official Department of Defense position on H.R. 4370. Correspondence available to the committee and other communications, however, indicate the following department position on the various titles:

(1) *Title I.* The Department of Defense opposes Title I in any form that does not conform to the provisions of Chapter 6 of the reorganization bill passed by the Senate (H.R. 3622, as amended). The department does not, however, oppose the provision in Title I that would allow the combatant commanders to convene general courts-martial. Moreover, the committee has been informed that the department does not oppose the provision that would require the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to submit fiscally-constrained recommendations for the allocation of defense resources based on guidance provided by the Secretary of Defense and recommendations submitted by the unified and specified commanders and, as appropriate, the service Secretaries.

(2) *Title II.* The Department of Defense has no objections to Title II.

(3) *Title III.* The Department of Defense opposes Title III in its current form,

(4) *Title IV.* The Department of Defense opposes Title IV.

(5) *Title V.* The committee is not aware of the Department of Defense position concerning Title V.

COMMITTEE POSITION

The Committee on Armed Services, on June 25, 1986, a quorum being present, approved H.R. 4370, as amended, by a vote of 39-4.

FISCAL DATA

Pursuant to clause 7 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee attempted to ascertain annual outlays resulting from the bill during fiscal year 1987 and the four following fiscal years.