

TITLE II—DEFENSE AGENCIES

SEC. 201. OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO DEFENSE AGENCIES.

- (a) **IN GENERAL.**—(1) Chapter 8 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—
 (A) by redesignating section 191 as section 196; and
 (B) by inserting after the table of sections the following new sections:

“§ 191. Authority to provide for common performance of supply or service activities

“Whenever the Secretary of Defense determines it will be more effective, economical, or efficient, the Secretary shall provide for the performance of a supply or service activity common to more than one military department by one agency or such other organization as the Secretary considers appropriate.

“§ 192. Defense agencies: oversight by the Secretary of Defense

“(a) **PERIODIC REVIEW.**—Periodically (and not less often than every two years), the Secretary of Defense shall review the services and supplies provided by the defense agencies to ensure that the provision of those services and supplies by those agencies, rather than by the military departments, is a more effective, economical, or efficient manner of providing those services and supplies consistent with the requirements for combat readiness of the armed forces.

“(b) **INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR REVIEW.**—(1) In performing the review required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall obtain, as appropriate, the views of—

- “(A) the directors of the defense agencies;
- “(B) the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;
- “(C) the Secretaries of the military departments;
- “(D) the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps; and
- “(E) the commanders of the unified and specified combatant commands.

“(2) Paragraph (1) shall apply to the National Security Agency as determined appropriate by the Secretary. The Secretary shall establish procedures under which information required for review of the National Security Agency shall be obtained.

“§ 193. Combat support agencies: duties of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

“(a) **COMBAT READINESS.**—(1) Periodically (and not less often than every two years), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a report on the combat support agencies. Each such report shall include—

- “(A) a determination with respect to the responsiveness and readiness of each such agency to support operating forces in the event of a war or threat to national security; and
- “(B) any recommendations that the Chairman considers appropriate.

“(2) In preparing each such report, the Chairman shall review the plans of each such agency with respect to its support of operating forces in the event of a war or threat to national security. After consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments and the commanders of the unified and specified combatant commands, as appropriate, the Chairman may, in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary of Defense, take steps to provide for any revision of those plans that the Chairman considers appropriate.

“(b) **PARTICIPATION IN JOINT TRAINING EXERCISES.**—The Chairman shall—

“(1) provide for the participation of the combat support agencies in joint training exercises to the extent necessary to ensure that those agencies are capable of performing their support missions with respect to a war or threat to national security; and

“(2) assess the performance in joint training exercises of each such agency and, in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary of Defense, take steps to provide for any change that the Chairman considers appropriate to improve that performance.

“(c) **READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM.**—The Chairman shall develop, in consultation with the director of each combat support agency, a uniform system for reporting to the Secretary of Defense, the commanders of the unified and specified combatant commands, and the Secretaries of the military departments concerning the readiness of each such agency to perform with respect to a war or threat to national security.

“(d) **REVIEW OF NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY.**—(1) This section shall apply to the National Security Agency, but only with respect to functions the Agency performs for the Department of Defense.