

tive civilian oversight of the contingency planning process. The assignment of this duty to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy is connected to the additional duty regarding guidance for contingency plans that would be assigned to the Secretary of Defense by subsection (g)(2) of section 113 of title 10 (as added by section 102 of the conference substitute amendment).

The Military Retirement Reform Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-348) created the position of Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and established the position of Director of Defense Research and Engineering in the same section (section 135) of title 10 in which the position of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy is established. The conferees agreed that the Director of Defense Research and Engineering and the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy should be established in separate sections of title 10. Section 105 of the conference substitute amendment would merely make appropriate technical changes to establish the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Director of Defense Research and Engineering in section 134 and section 135 of title 10, respectively.

The conferees agreed that none of the actions of the conference committee prejudice consideration of the duties of the new Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition as contained in the versions of the Department of Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1987 passed by the Senate on August 9, 1986 (S. 2638) and by the House of Representatives on August 15, 1986 (H.R. 4428).

SEC. 106. ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 107) that would repeal the specification in law of the titles and duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Logistics; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence; and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment to retain the statutory specification of the title and duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence. The conferees agreed that this action by the conference committee does not prejudice the statutory specification of the title and duties of an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, as would be provided by the Department of Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 1987 passed by the Senate on August 9, 1986 (S. 2638).

SEC. 107. COMPTROLLER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 108) that would establish the position of Comptroller of the Department of Defense and would assign to that position the same duties now assigned to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment to require that the Comptroller of the Department of Defense be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The conferees agreed that the important duties of the Comptroller justi-