

President and the Secretary of Defense on matters for which such advice was requested.

The House recedes with an amendment to require the members of the JCS, individually or collectively, in their capacity as military advisers, to provide advice to the President, the NSC, or the Secretary of Defense on a particular matter whenever it is requested.

Sec. 152. Chairman: appointment; rank

Term of the JCS Chairman

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 111) that would authorize the President to appoint the JCS Chairman to three 2-year terms.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 605) that would authorize the President to appoint the JCS Chairman to two 4-year terms.

The House recedes.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 111) that would specify that the term of the JCS Chairman would expire not later than 6 months after the beginning of a new Presidency. The purpose of this requirement was to give a newly elected President an automatic opportunity to retain or release the military officer who would serve as his principal military adviser.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 605) that would specify that, if a JCS Chairman did not complete his term, his successor would serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Senate recedes with the following two amendments: to specify that the Chairman's term will begin on October 1st of odd-numbered years, and to clarify that a successor to a Chairman who failed to complete his term may be reappointed to two 2-year terms.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 605) that would specify that the first appointment of a JCS Chairman made on or after the date of enactment of the House amendment would be for a term ending on June 30, 1990.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

Combined Service as Chairman and Vice Chairman

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 111) that would limit to 6 years the combined length of time that a military officer could serve as JCS Chairman and Vice Chairman. The President would be authorized to extend this limitation to 8 years if he determined such action was in the national interest.

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

Qualifications for Appointment as JCS Chairman

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 111) that would require, subject to a waiver by the President, that JCS members have served in at least one joint duty position for a substantial period of time before their assignment to the JCS.