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The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 111) that would require the JCS Chairman to advise the Secretary of Defense on critical deficiencies and strengths in force capabilities which are identified during the preparation and review of contingency plans. The Chairman would then be required to assess the effect of such deficiencies and strengths on meeting national security objectives and on strategic plans.

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

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The House amendment contained a provision (section 102) that would require the JCS Chairman to establish and maintain a uniform system of evaluating the preparedness of the unified and specified combatant commands.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

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The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 111) that would require the JCS Chairman to advise the Secretary of Defense on the extent to which the annual program recommendations and budget proposals of components of the Defense Department conform with strategic priorities and the unified and specified combatant commanders' operational requirements.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 102) that would specify two duties for the JCS Chairman. First, the Chairman would submit to the Secretary of Defense an annual recommendation for the broad allocation of defense resources based upon the Secretary's guidance, the unified and specified combatant commanders' recommendations, and the recommendations of other Defense Department components.

Second, the Chairman would recommend to the Secretary of Defense the changes that would be necessary to make the program objectives and budget proposals of the Military Departments and the combat support agencies consistent with the Chairman's recommendation for the broad allocation of defense resources.

The House recesses with two amendments. First, the Chairman is required to advise the Secretary of Defense on the priorities of the requirements identified by the unified and specified combatant commanders.

Second, the Chairman is required to submit to the Secretary of Defense alternative program recommendations and budget proposals, within projected resource levels and guidance provided by the Secretary, in order to achieve greater conformance with the priorities established in strategic plans and with the priorities established for the unified and specified combatant commanders' requirements.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 102) that would require the JCS Chairman to recommend to the Secretary of Defense a budget for each unified and specified combatant command.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

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The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 111) that would require the JCS Chairman to assess joint military requirements for defense acquisition programs.