

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment to broaden the duty to encompass all military requirements. Despite the broad nature of this responsibility, the conferees strongly believe that the Chairman should not be required to spend too much time and energy on the acquisition of defense systems. The Chairman's unique role in planning and operational matters is far too important to allow him to be preoccupied with acquisition issues. The conferees' only purpose in broadening his duty to assess military requirements is to give the Chairman and the Secretary of Defense flexibility in delineating the Chairman's role in the acquisition process.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 102) that would require the JCS Chairman to monitor the extent to which each Military Department provided officers for joint duty assignments.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with amendments to clarify the information required on each Military Department's share of joint duty assignments and to transfer this provision to section 667 of title 10, as added by section 401 of the conference substitute amendment.

Report on the Services' Roles and Missions

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 111) that would require the JCS Chairman to submit a periodic report to the Secretary of Defense on the assignment of functions or roles and missions to the four military Services.

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

Sec. 154. Vice Chairman

Title of the Vice Chairman

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 111) that would establish the position of Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 606) that would establish the position of Deputy Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The House recedes.

Term of the Vice Chairman

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

The House amendment contained a provision (section 606) that would authorize the President to appoint the Deputy Chairman to two 4-year terms.

The House recedes.

Duties of the Vice Chairman

The Senate and House amendments contained identical provisions (sections 111 and 606, respectively) that would require the Vice Chairman to perform the duties delegated by the Chairman with the approval of the Secretary of Defense.