

form the Joint Staff functions and duties prescribed under sections 155 (a) and (c) of title 10, as amended by section 201 of the conference substitute amendment.

*Report on Further Changes*

The House amendment contained a provision (section 610) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Congress on the manner in which several changes to the JCS system, the unified and specified combatant commands, and the management of joint duty officers could be implemented.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes. Most of the matters that would have been included in the Secretary's report are addressed elsewhere in the conference substitute amendment.

SEC. 203. PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The House amendment contained a provision (section 609) that would require the JCS Chairman, subject to the direction of the President, to attend meetings of the National Security Council (NSC) and would authorize the Chairman, as directed by the President, to participate in its deliberations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment to authorize the Chairman, in his role as the principal military adviser to the NSC and subject to the direction of the President, to attend and participate in NSC meetings.

SEC. 204. TRANSITION

*Preparedness Evaluation System*

As part of the action of the conference committee on section 153(a)(3)(D) of title 10 (as added by section 201 of the conference substitute amendment), the conferees agreed to require that the uniform system of evaluating the preparedness of the unified and specified combatant commands be established not later than 1 year after the date of enactment.

*Date for First Report on Services' Roles and Missions*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 111) that would require the Chairman to submit his first report on the military Services' roles and missions not later than 1 year after the date of enactment.

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment to require the first report to be submitted 2 years after the date of enactment.

*Waiver of Qualifications for Appointment as Vice Chairman*

As part of the action of the conference committee on section 154(b) of title 10 (as added by section 201 of the conference substitute amendment), the conferees agreed to authorize the President to waive the qualifications for appointment as the JCS Vice Chairman during a transition period before full application of the requirements of section 154(b). Under section 204(c) of the conference substitute amendment, the President would be authorized to waive: