

addition, would specify the Department of Defense officials whose views should be obtained as part of the review. Finally, the House provision would specify that the review requirement would apply to the National Security Agency only as determined appropriate by the Secretary of Defense.

The Senate recedes with two amendments. The first amendment requires the Secretary of Defense, in determining the extent of the National Security Agency review, to consult with the Director of Central Intelligence.

The second amendment deletes the specification of DoD officials whose views are to be obtained. The conferees agreed that, even though the requirement is not included in the conference substitute amendment, the Secretary of Defense should normally consult with the officials named in the House provision in conducting his review of the Defense Agencies. Those officials are the Directors of the Defense Agencies, the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the JCS Chairman, and the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the commanders of the unified and specified combatant commands.

#### Sec. 193. Combat support agencies: oversight

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 116) that would make the JCS Chairman responsible for advising the Secretary of Defense on the preparedness of each supply or service agency that has wartime support responsibilities. The Chairman would be required, as a part of his duties, to assess the adequacy of contingency plans, participation in joint exercises, and readiness reporting systems of each supply or service agency.

The House amendment contained a similar provision (section 201) that would require the Chairman to:

(1) submit a report to the Secretary of Defense at least every 2 years on the readiness of combat support agencies (as would be defined by section 201 of the House amendment);

(2) review war-related support plans of combat support agencies in preparing the report to the Secretary of Defense and take action, in accordance with guidance provided by the Secretary of Defense, to revise the plans as needed;

(3) provide for the participation of combat support agencies in joint training exercises and assess their performance; and

(4) develop a uniform readiness reporting system for the combat support agencies in consultation with the agency directors.

The House amendment provision would apply to the National Security Agency only with respect to combat support functions the agency performs for the Department of Defense. The Secretary of Defense, after consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence, would be required to determine the application of the provision to the National Security Agency and report to the Congress any revision of the policies and procedures pertaining to the National Security Agency.

The Senate recedes with an amendment to delete the requirement that the Secretary of Defense report to the Congress on