

organizational entity as described in the House provision or to an organizational entity of the Defense Department that is designated by the Secretary of Defense as a "Defense Agency." The second Senate amendment adds the definition of the term "Department of Defense Field Activity."

SEC. 303. REASSESSMENT OF DEFENSE AGENCIES AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

The House amendment contained a provision (section 202) that would require the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Secretaries of the Military Departments to conduct separate studies of the functions and organizational structure of the Defense Agencies to determine the most appropriate means within the Department of Defense of providing the supplies and services now provided by the agencies.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with three amendments. The first Senate amendment includes Department of Defense Field Activities in the studies. The second Senate amendment deletes a requirement contained in the House amendment that the Secretary consult with certain DoD officials in preparing his study. The conferees agreed that this requirement is not needed; the Secretary will find it necessary to consult with most, if not all, of the named officials in the course of conducting the required study. The third Senate amendment adds a requirement that the study by the Secretary of Defense include plans to achieve reductions of 5, 10, and 15 percent of the total number of personnel employed in the Defense Agencies and Department of Defense Field Activities on September 30, 1988, together with a discussion of the implications of each level of personnel reductions.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 203) that would require a report on the improved application of computer systems to Defense Agency functions and activities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment to incorporate the computer report requirement into the report on the reassessment of Defense Agencies and Department of Defense Field Activities required by section 303 of the conference substitute amendment.

SEC. 304. TRANSITION

Periodic Review of Defense Agencies

The House amendment contained a provision (section 201(d)) that would require the first periodic review by the Secretary of Defense under section 192 of title 10 (as added by section 201 of the House amendment) to be completed within 3 years after enactment of the House amendment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

Oversight of Combat Support Agencies

The House amendment contained a provision (section 201(d)) that would establish dates for implementation of the requirements imposed on the JCS Chairman and the Secretary of Defense in section