

193 of title 10 (as added by section 201 of the House amendment). The provision would require an interim report on implementation by the Secretary of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment to delete the requirement for an interim report.

Combat Support Functions of the National Security Agency

The House amendment contained a provision (section 201(d)) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out within 120 days the requirements with respect to the National Security Agency contained in subsection (d)(2) of section 193 of title 10 (as added by section 201 of the House amendment).

The Senate amendment contained on similar provision.

The House recedes.

TITLE IV—JOINT OFFICER PERSONNEL POLICY

The conferees determined that title IV of the conference substitute amendment provides the most effective policies for managing joint officers that can be developed with the information currently available to the Congress and the Department of Defense. Unfortunately, the Defense Department has given limited attention to the subject of joint officer management. Thus, only a limited base of information and only a few existing policies were available to guide the work of the conference committee. As a consequence, the conferees expect that unanticipated problems will be identified as the Defense Department implements the provisions of title IV of the conference substitute amendment and that adjustments will be necessary. It is for this reason that the conferees agreed to provide transition periods for use before many provisions become effective. In addition, the conferees expressed a willingness to consider promptly any adjustments to these provisions that the Secretary of Defense may recommend based upon insights that actual implementation may provide. This willingness should not, however, be interpreted as a lessening of the commitment of the Congress to an effective system for preparing and rewarding military officers for joint duty service or as permitting the Department to avoid or delay the required implementation.

SEC. 401. JOINT OFFICER MANAGEMENT

The House amendment contained a provision (section 301) that would add a new chapter 38 to title 10, United States Code, entitled Joint Officer Management.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes. The conferees agreed that the intent of the new chapter 38, and of the entire title IV of the conference substitute amendment, is to govern organizational relationships among elements of the Department of Defense (including the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the combatant commands) with respect to personnel policies related to joint duty assignments. Nothing in this title is intended to confer any rights on individual offi-