

attend a Capstone course to prepare them to work with the other armed forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

Professional Military Education Schools

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 115) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the curricula of joint military colleges and schools are oriented to preparing officers for joint duty assignments and that the curricula of the military colleges and schools of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps give appropriate emphasis to instruction in joint military matters.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 301) that would require the Secretary of Defense to review and revise the curricula of schools of the National Defense University and of other professional military education schools to strengthen the education of officers in joint matters.

The Senate recesses.

Duty Assignments After Attending Military Education Schools

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 115) that would require that a substantial percentage of graduates of joint schools receive joint duty assignments.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 301) that would impose requirements for the subsequent assignment of officers who attend joint professional military education schools to joint duty assignments, including a requirement that a proportion significantly greater than 50 percent of non-joint specialty officers graduating from a joint professional military education school receive joint duty assignments.

The Senate recesses with an amendment to delete the word "significantly" in the House amendment.

Other Education Requirements

The House amendment contained a provision (section 301) that would require the Secretary of Defense to take all other practicable measures to improve the training and experience of officers serving in senior joint duty assignments.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

Sec. 664. Length of joint duty assignments

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 115) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure continuity in joint organizations through appropriate joint tour lengths.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 301) that would establish 3 years as the length of a joint duty assignment for general and flag officers and 3½ years for all other officers. The tour length could be waived by the Secretary of Defense subject to certain limitations; also, the Secretary could establish shorter tour lengths for officers with critical combat operational skills, provided that their joint duty assignment was not less than two years.