

- (2) the promotion rates for joint specialty officers and other officers serving in joint duty assignments compared with the promotion rates of officers in the Services;
- (3) assignments of joint specialty officers;
- (4) the average length of tours of duty in joint duty assignments; and
- (5) other matters.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with three amendments. The first Senate amendment requires that the information in the report be shown separately for each Service as well as for the Department of Defense as a whole. The second Senate amendment requires the promotion rates to be shown for Joint Staff officers as well as joint specialty officers and other officers serving in joint duty assignments. The third Senate amendment requires an analysis of the extent to which each Military Department is providing its share of officers to fill joint duty assignments. (The House amendment contained a similar requirement in section 102.)

The conferees request that the information required by this provision be included in a portion of the annual report of the Secretary of Defense to Congress relating to management of the Department of Defense.

#### Sec. 668. Definitions

The House amendment contained a provision (section 301) that would define the term "joint matters" and would require the Secretary of Defense, subject to criteria set out in the provision, to define the term "joint duty assignment" and to publish a list of joint duty assignment positions.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### SEC. 402. PROMOTION PROCEDURES FOR JOINT OFFICERS

##### *Composition of Selection Boards*

The House amendment contained a provision (section 302) that would require that each selection (promotion) board that will consider officers who have served in joint duty assignments include at least one joint duty officer designated by the JCS Chairman. The House provision specified, however, that the Secretary of Defense could waive the requirement in the case of Marine Corps selection boards.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses. The conferees agreed that the only reason for the waiver provision for the Marine Corps is to give the Secretary of Defense needed flexibility when there are insufficient numbers of Marine Corps officers of the requisite grade assigned to joint duty assignments to carry out crucial joint duty responsibilities and to meet this selection board membership requirement. The conferees expect the Secretary of Defense to exercise this waiver rarely, if at all.