

agree that the revised transition provisions make this distinction unnecessary. The Senate amendment further specifies how the specific provisions of title IV of the conference substitute amendment may be waived during the initial transition period. Finally, the amendment modifies the waiver procedure for the initial selection of joint specialty officers to require that the waiver authority may be delegated only to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, may be applied only on a case-by-case basis, and shall be exercised in a manner that ensures that the highest standards of performance, education, and experience are established and maintained for officers selected for the joint specialty.

Career Guidelines

The House amendment contained a provision (section 305) that would require the establishment of career guidelines, procedures for monitoring the careers of joint duty officers, and reserve officer personnel policies not later than 6 months after the date of enactment. The provision would also require the enhancement of the Joint Staff's capability to monitor joint personnel matters not later than 6 months after the date of enactment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment to extend the period of time for the establishment of these policies and capabilities to 8 months.

Education

The House amendment contained a provision (section 305) that would specify the transition periods for the requirements for the Capstone course and the review of the professional military education schools. The provision would require that the revised curricula at these schools take effect with respect to courses beginning after August 1987.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision. The Senate recedes with two amendments. First, the revised curricula is to take effect with respect to courses beginning after July 1987. Second, the requirements for post-education duty assignments are to take effect with respect to classes graduating from joint professional military education schools after January 1987.

Length of Joint Duty Assignments

As part of the action of the conference committee on section 664 of title 10 (as added by section 401 of the conference substitute amendment), the conferees agreed to apply the new requirements for the length of joint duty assignments to officers assigned to such positions after the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date of enactment. Moreover, the conferees intend that the Secretary of Defense, in computing the average required by section 664, consider only joint duty assignments to which the section applies.

Promotion Policy

The House amendment contained a provision (section 305) that would specify the transition periods for changes to the composition and review process of selection boards considering joint duty officers. The provision would also specify the transition period for im-