

personnel. The conferees determined that the functions of supplying, servicing, and maintaining, in combination, include the major elements of what is referred to as "logistics."

The Senate amendment contained provisions (sections 201, 301, and 401) that would specify seven responsibilities of the Secretary of a Military Department to the Secretary of Defense.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 404) that would specify two responsibilities for the Secretary of a Military Department. One of these responsibilities is identical to one specified by the Senate amendment. The other responsibility would require the Secretary of a Military Department to ensure the operational readiness of forces under his jurisdiction.

The House recedes.

The Senate amendment contained provisions (sections 201, 301, and 401) that would specify other powers and duties of the Secretary of a Military Department.

The House amendment contained no similar provisions.

The House recedes.

Offices of the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force

The Senate amendment contained provisions (sections 201, 301, and 401) that would:

(1) establish in law the Office of the Secretary of each Military Department;

(2) specify the function and composition of each Office;

(3) require the Secretary of each Military Department to ensure that his Office is not duplicating specific functions that he has assigned to the military headquarters staff or staffs of his Department; and

(4) require a 15-percent reduction by September 30, 1988 in the number of personnel assigned to each Office, use the number of personnel assigned to each Office on September 30, 1985 as the baseline for each reduction, and set this reduced personnel level as a permanent ceiling after such date.

The Senate amendment also contained provisions (sections 202, 302, 303, and 402) that would:

(1) require a 15-percent reduction by September 30, 1988 in the total number of personnel assigned to each of the Army Staff, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Headquarters, Marine Corps, and the Air Staff; use the number of personnel assigned to each staff on September 30, 1985 as the baseline for each reduction; and set this reduced personnel level as a permanent ceiling for each staff after such date; and

(2) limit the number of officers that may be assigned after September 30, 1988 as follows:

(A) the Office of the Secretary of the Army and the Army Staff—1,825 officers;

(B) the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations—1,300 officers;

(C) the Headquarters, Marine Corps—325 officers; and

(D) the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Staff—1,575 officers.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 401) that would: