

(8) require each Secretary of a Military Department to establish a single office within his Office to conduct the function of research and development and to specify the relationship of such office to the Service Chief of Staff;

(9) require implementation of items (1) through (8) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the conference substitute amendment;

(10) require a report to the Congress from each Secretary of a Military Department on the implementation of items (1) through (8) not later than 210 days after the date of enactment of the conference substitute amendment;

(11) require each Secretary of a Military Department to ensure that his Office and the military headquarters staff or staffs of his Military Department do not duplicate specific functions for which he has assigned responsibility to the other;

(12) require a 15-percent reduction by September 30, 1988 in the combined number of personnel assigned to the Office of the Secretary of a Military Department and the military headquarters staff or staffs in each Military Department, use the number of personnel assigned to the Office and staff or staffs in each Military Department on September 30, 1986 (instead of 1985) as the baseline for each reduction, and set the reduced level as a permanent ceiling;

(13) 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—1,865 officers;

(B) the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Headquarters, Marine Corps—1,720 officers; and

(C) the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Staff—1,585 officers.

(14) require a 15-percent reduction by September 30, 1988 in the combined number of general and flag officers assigned to the Office of the Secretary of a Military Department and the military headquarters staff or staffs in each Military Department, use the number of general and flag officers assigned on the date of enactment as the baseline for each reduction, and set the reduced level as a permanent ceiling;

(15) establish in law the position of the General Counsel of each Military Department; and

(16) amend subsections (c) and (d) of existing section 3031 of title 10 to delete the authority for, and limitations on, the Army General Staff.

In designating functions for which each Office of the Secretary of a Military Department should have sole responsibility, the conferees selected functions that are either civilian in nature or key to effective civilian control. Although such offices would exist solely in the Secretariats of each Military Department, the conferees intend that such offices would provide necessary support to all organizations of the executive part of the Military Department concerned. In particular, the conferees fully expect that the Chief of Staff will have full access to these offices and that they will be completely responsive to his