

(2) specify that the Under Secretary of a Military Department shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Secretary of the Military Department may prescribe.

The House amendment contained no similar provisions.

The House recesses.

Assistant Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force

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

(1) require the Assistant Secretaries of a Military Department to be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(2) authorize five Assistant Secretaries for the Army, four Assistant Secretaries for the Navy, and three Assistant Secretaries for the Air Force;

(3) specify that the Assistant Secretaries of a Military Department shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Secretary of the Military Department may prescribe;

(4) require each Military Department to have an Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and

(5) require the Army to have an Assistant Secretary for Civil Works.

The House amendment contained a provision (section 402(b)) that would:

(1) specify seven areas of responsibility to be assigned to the Assistant Secretaries of each Military Department;

(2) specify that the civil works function is to be assigned to an Assistant Secretary of the Army; and

(3) authorize five Assistant Secretaries for the Army, four Assistant Secretaries for the Navy, and four Assistant Secretaries for the Air Force.

The House recesses.

Successors to Duties of Secretary of a Military Department

The Senate amendment contained provisions (sections 201, 301, and 401) that would specify the successors to the duties of the Secretary of a Military Department if he dies, resigns, is removed from office, is absent, or is disabled.

The House amendment contained no similar provisions.

The House recesses.

General Counsels

As part of the conference agreement on provisions relating to each Office of the Secretary of a Military Department, the conferees agreed to establish in law the position of General Counsel in each Military Department. Sections 3019, 5019, and 8019 of title 10 (as added by sections 501, 511, and 521 of the conference substitute amendment) would:

(1) establish the position of General Counsel in each Military Department;

(2) require each General Counsel of a Military Department to be appointed from civilian life by the President; and