

The House recedes.

*Deputy and Assistant Chiefs of Staff*

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

- (1) authorize not more than four Deputy Chiefs of Staff for each Armed Force;
- (2) authorize not more than three Assistant Chiefs of Staff for each Armed Force; and
- (3) specify the assignment of the Deputy and Assistant Chiefs of Staff.

The House amendment contained no similar provisions.

The House recedes with amendments to authorize not more than five Deputy Chiefs of Staff for each Armed Forces and to establish in law the position of Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps.

**SEC. 503. AUTHORITY TO ORGANIZE ARMY INTO COMMANDS, FORCES, AND ORGANIZATIONS; AND SEC. 523. AUTHORITY TO ORGANIZE AIR FORCE INTO SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS**

The Senate amendment contained provisions (sections 203 and 403) that would clarify the authority of the Secretaries of the Army and Air Force to organize the Army and Air Force.

The House amendment contained no similar provisions.

The House recedes.

**SEC. 514. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS**

Section 514 of the conference substitute amendment amends title 10 to make appropriate conforming and technical changes to implement the actions of the conference committee relating to part B of title V of the conference substitute amendment.

**SEC. 531. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS**

Section 531 of the conference substitute amendment amends title 10 and title 37 to make appropriate conforming changes to implement the actions of the conference committee relating to parts A, B, and C of title V of the conference substitute amendment.

**SEC. 532. TRANSITION**

The conferees agreed to two transition provisions that would:

- (1) require implementation of subsections (c) and (d) of sections 3014, 5014, and 8014 of title 10 (as added by sections 501, 511, and 521 of the conference substitute amendment) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the conference substitute amendment; and
- (2) require each Secretary of a Military Department to submit a report on such implementation 30 days after implementation.

The conferees also agreed to a transition provision for use by the President before the requirements for appointment as a Chief of Staff become fully effective. The provision authorizes the President to waive for 4 years: