

(1) the requirement for a 3-year joint duty tour if the Chief of Staff has served in a joint duty assignment for not less than 2 years; and

(2) the requirement that a Chief of Staff have served in a joint duty assignment as a general or flag officer if the Chief of Staff served as a general or flag officer in an assignment that was considered a joint duty assignment or a joint equivalent assignment under regulations in effect at the time the assignment began.

TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS

SEC. 601. REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES AND CERTAIN OTHER ACTIVITIES

Military Departments and Combatant Commands

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 501) that would require a 10-percent reduction by September 30, 1988 in the total number of military and civilian personnel assigned to headquarters staffs within the Military Departments and combatant commands. The provision would:

(1) exclude each Office of the Secretary of a Military Department, the Army and Air Staffs, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Headquarters, Marine Corps, because other provisions of the Senate amendment would require personnel reductions in these organizations.

(2) use the personnel strengths of these staffs on September 30, 1985 as the baseline for reductions;

(3) require the Secretary of Defense to allocate the reductions;

(4) prohibit accomplishment of the reductions by recategorizing or redefining duties, functions, offices, or organizations;

(5) authorize each combatant commander to determine how reductions allocated to his command would be accomplished;

(6) prohibit further increases beyond the reduced personnel levels; and

(7) define the terms applied to headquarters staff.

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with two amendments. The first amendment requires the 10-percent reduction to be applied to the total number of personnel assigned on September 30, 1986 instead of September 30, 1985. The second House amendment excludes the immediate headquarters staff of each unified and specified combatant commander from the required personnel reductions.

Defense Agencies and Department of Defense Field Activities

The Senate amendment contained a provision (section 117) that would require a 15-percent reduction by September 30, 1988 in the total number of civilian and military personnel assigned to the headquarters staffs of Defense Agencies and Department of Defense Field Activities and a 10-percent reduction in non-headquarters personnel. The provision would:

(1) use the personnel strengths of these elements on September 30, 1985 as the baseline for reductions;