

SEC. 213. REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON COMMAND STRUCTURE

(a) **PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSOLIDATING FUNCTIONS OF THE MILITARY TRANSPORTATION COMMANDS.**—Section 1110 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1983 (Public Law 97-252; 96 Stat. 747), is repealed.

(b) **PROHIBITION AGAINST ALTERING COMMAND STRUCTURE FOR MILITARY FORCES IN ALASKA.**—Section 8106 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1986 (as contained in section 101(b) of Public Law 99-190 (99 Stat. 1221)), is repealed.

SEC. 214. TRANSITION

(a) **ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES TO COMBATANT COMMANDS.**—Section 162(a) of title 10, United States Code (as added by section 211 of this Act), shall be implemented not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **WAIVER OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT AS COMBATANT COMMANDER.**—(1) The President may waive, as provided in paragraph (2), the requirements provided for in section 164(a) of title 10, United States Code (as added by section 201 of this Act), relating to the assignment of commanders of the combatant commands.

(2) In exercising such waiver authority, the President may, in the case of any officer—

(A) waive the requirement that the officer have the joint specialty;

(B) waive the requirement under section 664 of such title (as added by section 401 of this Act) for the length of a joint duty assignment if the officer has served in such an assignment for not less than two years; and

(C) consider as a joint duty assignment any tour of duty served by the officer as a general or flag officer before the date of the enactment of this Act (or being served on the date of the enactment of this Act) that was considered to be a joint duty assignment or a joint equivalent assignment under regulations in effect at the time the assignment began.

(3)(A) A waiver under paragraph (2)(A) may not be made more than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) A waiver under paragraph (2)(B) or (2)(C) may not be made more than four years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) A waiver under this subsection may be made only on a case-by-case basis.

(c) **SELECTION AND SUSPENSION FROM DUTY OF SUBORDINATE OFFICERS.**—Subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 164 of title 10, United States Code (as added by section 211 of this Act), shall take effect at the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, or on such earlier date as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(d) **BUDGET PROPOSALS.**—Section 166 of title 10, United States Code (as added by section 211 of this Act), shall take effect with budget proposals for fiscal year 1989.