

*“(5) If, after completion of all actions taken under paragraph (4), the Secretary concerned and the Chairman remain in disagreement with respect to the report of a selection board, the Secretary concerned shall indicate such disagreement, and the reasons for such disagreement, as part of his transmittal of the report of the selection board to the Secretary of Defense under subsection (c). Such transmittal shall include any comments submitted by the Chairman.”; and*

*(3) by adding at the end of paragraph (1) of subsection (c) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following new sentence: “The Secretary of Defense shall, before transmitting the report of a selection board to the President, take appropriate action to resolve any disagreement between the Secretary concerned and the Chairman transmitted to him under subsection (b)(5).”.*

**SEC. 403. CONSIDERATION OF JOINT DUTY IN SENIOR GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICER APPOINTMENTS AND ADVICE ON QUALIFICATIONS**

Section 601 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

*“(d)(1) When an officer is recommended to the President for an initial appointment to the grade of lieutenant general or vice admiral, or for an initial appointment to the grade of general or admiral, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall submit to the Secretary of Defense the Chairman’s evaluation of the performance of that officer as a member of the Joint Staff and in other joint duty assignments. The Secretary of Defense shall submit the Chairman’s evaluation to the President at the same time the recommendation for the appointment is submitted to the President.*

*“(2) Whenever a vacancy occurs in a position within the Department of Defense that the President has designated as a position of importance and responsibility to carry the grade of general or admiral or lieutenant general or vice admiral or in an office that is designated by law to carry such a grade, the Secretary of Defense shall inform the President of the qualifications needed by an officer serving in that position or office to carry out effectively the duties and responsibilities of that position or office.”.*

**SEC. 404. JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENT AS PREREQUISITE FOR PROMOTION TO GENERAL OR FLAG OFFICER GRADE**

Section 619 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

*“(e)(1) An officer may not be selected for promotion to the grade of brigadier general or rear admiral (lower half) unless the officer has served in a joint duty assignment.*

*“(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of Defense may waive paragraph (1)—*

*“(A) when necessary for the good of the service;*

*“(B) in the case of an officer whose proposed selection for promotion is based primarily upon scientific and technical qualifications for which joint requirements do not exist;*

*“(C) in the case of a medical officer, dental officer, veterinary officer, medical service officer, nurse, biomedical science officer, chaplain, or judge advocate; and*

*“(D) until January 1, 1992, in the case of an officer who served before the date of the enactment of this subsection in an*