

JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3622) to amend title 10, United States Code, to strengthen the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to provide for more efficient and effective operation of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and the Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

The Senate amendment to the text of the bill struck out all of the House bill after the enacting clause and inserted a substitute text.

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The Senate recedes from its disagreement to the amendment of the House with an amendment which is a substitute for the Senate amendment and the House amendment thereto. The differences between the Senate amendment, the House amendment, and the substitute agreed to in conference are noted below, except for clerical corrections, conforming changes made necessary by agreements reached by the conferees, and minor drafting and clarifying changes.

BACKGROUND

On November 20, 1985, by a vote of 383-27, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3622, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Reorganization Act of 1985. On April 14, 1986, the Senate Committee on Armed Services reported an original bill, S. 2295, the Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986. After Senate consideration, this bill was substituted for the text of H.R. 3622, and H.R. 3622 (as amended) passed the Senate by a vote of 95-0 on May 7, 1986. During consideration by the Senate, the short title of the bill was amended to become the Barry Goldwater Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986.

On July 21, 1986, the House Committee on Armed Services reported H.R. 4370, the Bill Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986. On August 5, 1986, H.R. 4370 was offered as an amendment to H.R. 4428, the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1987 and was approved by the House of Representatives by a vote of 406-4.

On August 11, 1986, the House of Representatives amended the Bill Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 to