

add the text of the original H.R. 3622 as title VI. The House of Representatives then substituted the text of this bill (as amended) for the text of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3622.

The conference committee convened on August 13, 1986 and completed action on September 11, 1986.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR PROVISIONS

The major provisions of the conference substitute amendment are summarized below.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GENERALLY

1. Requires the Secretary of Defense to provide annually to Department of Defense (DoD) components written policy guidance for the preparation of the components' program and budget proposals.

2. Requires the Secretary of Defense to provide annually to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) written policy guidance for the preparation and review of contingency plans.

3. Specifies that the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy is to assist the Secretary of Defense in preparing guidance for contingency plans and in reviewing those plans.

4. Retains the existing number (11) of Assistant Secretaries of Defense but eliminates their statutory titles, except for the Assistant Secretaries of Defense for Reserve Affairs and for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence.

5. Requires the Secretary of Defense to keep the Secretaries of the Military Departments informed of military operations and DoD activities that directly affect their responsibilities.

6. Requires the Secretary of Defense to advise the President on the qualifications needed by DoD political appointees.

7. Repeals the Secretary of Defense's authority to reorganize DoD positions and activities that have been established in law.

8. Requires the Secretary of Defense, the JCS Chairman, the Secretaries of the Military Departments (jointly), and an independent contractor to conduct separate studies on the functions and organization of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD).

TITLE II—MILITARY ADVICE AND COMMAND FUNCTIONS

PART A—JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Advisory Role of the Chairman and Other JCS Members

1. Designates the JCS Chairman as the principal military adviser to the President, the National Security Council (NSC), and the Secretary of Defense.

2. Specifies that the other JCS members are military advisers to the President, the NSC, and the Secretary of Defense, as provided in items #5 and #6 below.

3. Requires the JCS Chairman, as appropriate, to consult with and seek the advice of the other JCS members and the unified and specified combatant commanders.

4. Requires the JCS Chairman, in presenting advice, to inform, as appropriate, the President, the NSC, or the Secretary of Defense of the range of military advice on a matter.