MODIFICATION OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE COMPETITIONS FOR CONVERSION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FUNCTIONS TO CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 937) that would lift the temporary suspension of public-private competitions that was included in section 325 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111-84).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees recognize that the conduct of public-private competitions can be a useful tool for implementing total force management decisions. However, the conferees note that the Department has not yet complied with the statutory requirements for an inventory of contract services. The conferees conclude that the appropriate use of public-private competition is predicated on a sound planning process and the availability of accurate information, including the information that would be supplied by a compliant inventory.

ASSESSMENT OF APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL FOR THE DEFENSE MEDICAL READINESS TRAINING INSTITUTE

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 940) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of the appropriate mix of military, civilians, and contractor personnel to carry out the mission of the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that elsewhere in this Act the Secretary is required to establish policies and procedures for determining the most appropriate and cost efficient mix of military, civilian and contractor personnel to perform the mission of the Department of Defense. The conferees expect that the Secretary will implement such policies across all programs, including medical readiness training programs.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 965) that would express the sense of Congress regarding the performance of commercially-available activities by Department of Defense civilian employees.

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The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

**EXPANSION OF OVERSIGHT OFFICES IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 967) that would require the establishment of a new Senate-confirmed position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Contingency Contracting and a new Office of Contingency Contracting.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.