

COORDINATION FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE BILL

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COORDINATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

To promote the national defense by providing for three functionally

balanced military departments unified under a Secretary of National Defense, the Government to be known as the Council of National Defense (hereinafter and for further integration, under a Council of National Defense, with all other departments and agencies of the Government concerned with the national defense.

The Council shall be composed of the Secretary of State, who shall be its elected by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United

States of America in Congress assembled, that this Act may be cited as the National Defense Act of 1947.

Air Force, the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, and such other members as the President may from time to time.

DECLARATION OF POLICY

2. In enacting this legislation, it is the intent of Congress to provide a comprehensive and continuous program for the future security of the United States; to coordinate under civilian control the departments and agencies of the Government and their functions relating to the national defense; to provide permanent machinery for the establishment of integrated programs for the modern use of the Nation's military, human, natural, and industrial resources in the interests of national defense; to provide for coordination of the Nation's foreign intelligence activities and for the central operation of foreign intelligence functions which can be most effectively performed centrally; to realize the economies that can be achieved through unified control or consolidation of supply and service functions; to prevent undesirable duplication and overlapping of functions; and to insure the establishment of an efficient team of land, sea, and air forces to protect our national security.