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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 /U.S. Newswire/ -- Following is a transcript of a White House press briefing held today by Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs Thurgood Marshall Jr., and CEO of the Corporation for National Service Sen. Harris Wofford:

The Briefing Room

1:10 P.M. EST

MR. TOIV: Good afternoon. Monday, to celebrate Martin Luther King Day, the President, the Vice President, the First Lady and many other members of the administration will have kind of a day on instead of a day off, and perform service to communities around the country, particularly here in the District. The White House staff, as well, will participate.

Here to brief on those activities are Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Assistant to the President for Cabinet Affairs, and Senator Harris Wofford, who is CEO of the Corporation for National Service, which is the lead agency for these activities.

As you may know, back in 1994 Congress passed legislation to make this a day of service, and so here they are.

MR. MARSHALL: Thank you, Barry. Good afternoon. In 1994, the President signed the King Holiday and Service Act to make the holiday a day of service that brings people together, promotes racial cooperation, and allows people to solve problems through citizen action.

On that occasion, the President said, ``This law helps us by linking the observance of Dr. King's birthday to a day of national service. Nothing could better serve the legacy of Dr. King. He was apathy's sworn enemy and action's tireless champion.'' Indeed, Dr. King himself once said, ``Everybody can be great because anybody can serve.''

As Barry mentioned on Monday, President Clinton, the First Lady and Vice President Gore, along with a dozen or more Cabinet members and members of the President's Advisory Board on Race and numerous other administration staff will join Americans across the country participating in events to commemorate the King holiday and participate in service opportunities around the country.

The President, in particular, will join Senator Wofford and 65 AmeriCorps members, as well as 300 community volunteers, to repair

and paint classrooms at Cardozo High School in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington. White House staff will also be participating in that effort.

Mrs. Clinton and Secretary Riley will be at the MCI Center to read to children associated with local literacy programs in the D.C. Reads program, connected with the D.C. public schools.

Vice President Gore will deliver remarks at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta along with the King family, and he will participate in the service even at the King Center in connection with the group, Do Something.

Six Cabinet members will be participating in service-oriented events in Washington. Six others will be participating in events around the country; I believe the list has been provided to you. If you have any particular questions, our office in Cabinet Affairs at Extension 2572 can either provide that information or hook you up directly with the contacts in those agencies.

A number of White House staff, including Frank Raines, Janet Yellin, Gene Sperling and Maria Echaveste will be participating in service-related events here in the District of Columbia. The events include the MCI Center reading program, the Cardozo High School refurbishing, as well as the couple of kids, Martha's Table events, helping the homeless in the D.C. area.

As you all know, the Cabinet has been heavily involved in service events throughout the first term and now in the second term. In addition, we have worked with virtually monthly meetings with Cabinet agency representatives to emphasize service events throughout the year.

Secretary Glickman, for example, has embarked on a very ambitious food recovery program, which links his agency with a number of other government agencies. The Attorney General spends time in the D.C. public schools mentoring students. Secretary Slater is working to encourage some 100 million children by the year 2000 to explore careers in technology programs linked to his transportation agenda.

There are a number of other activities that the agencies have been involved in and we're happy to lay those out for you if that's helpful. I just want to offer up any other guidance from our office. Steve Silverman is here as well and can answer questions. He's been involved in this, actually, since the '92 campaign.

Q What time is the Cardozo event?

MR. MARSHALL: Actually, I'm not sure of the actual time. I'm sorry. Eleven o'clock a.m.

Q Will the First Lady be with him at that, or does she have a separate service project?

MR. MARSHALL: She's going to the MCI Center.

Q So the President will actually paint and so forth?

MR. MARSHALL: I'm sorry.

Q Just -- and your family's history on civil rights, yesterday there seemed to be a very light celebration of Dr. King's birth. Are you expecting more of a resurgence of years past when they were looking for a King holiday, for that type of atmosphere Monday, or do you think people have just kind of lost a little bit of the fervor?

MR. MARSHALL: Well, actually I hope so, and I would be happy to

run through after the briefing with you the extensive list of activities that our Cabinet folks participated in yesterday to commemorate the King birthday, the actual anniversary of the birthday. I should actually turn this over to Senator Wofford at this point who is the CEO of the Corporation for National Service.

Senator.

SENATOR WOFFORD: Goody, you can stand by me, but thank you. Good afternoon. The fact that's clear to all of us who knew Martin Luther King and worked with him is that he would not want this holiday to be a day off, a day of recreation and rest, he would want it to be a day of action and service.

We know that in our bones that he would not like the holiday that we fought so hard to get established across the country and nationally to be anything less than what he represented, which was turning the greatest words -- among the greatest words in our history into deeds. And that's what the purpose of making this a day of action and service is.

Can you hear me, or may I just finish a couple of remarks first? Sorry. When John Lewis, a true hero of the civil rights movement and close colleague of Dr. King teamed up with me and others of us to present this idea to the Congress, we found that almost all of our colleagues on both sides of the aisle viewed it as a self-evident proposition that we should make this a day of service and not just one day, but a day that would be a jump start and a kickoff for sustained service through the year.

That idea has caught fire. One could sense it was going to in the Rose Garden when the President signed it and the King Family was there and great members of the civil rights movement were there to celebrate it, and it has grown every year since. And this is going to be, by far, the largest year of projects. Hundreds of them that we know of through our family of national service. That means there are thousands that we don't know of.

With the President's example and his commitment and the Cabinet's and the events the King Family is organizing in Atlanta, there's going to be a great new shove to this idea. Our family of national service, AmeriCorps members, 40,000 strong now, are in the front lines of this. Our senior service corps of half a million seniors are actively engaged across the country. More than half a million Learn and Serve students have been asked by their teachers and by us to engage in acts on this day. The Do Something organization of Andrew Shue has an inventive program on the Web site in which on-line young people register acts of kindness and justice. And so far the count is that there are some 160,000 acts of kindness and justice in the 10 days before the holiday that have been registered on-line -- 114,000 acts so far in 1,600 cities; 1,600 acts per hour; 12,000 teachers around the country have engaged their students. And that is just one example.

So I think we can say that on behalf of our partners in this, the United Way of America, the Points of Light Foundation, King Center in Atlanta, the King family, and Do Something, that we are on our way to making this holiday what Martin Luther King would have wanted. But we know that 30 years after his death we have a long, long way still to go. And Monday, Americans can do their part.

Coretta King I think put it well. Coretta Scott King said this: The best birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrate the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others.

Goody and I and others will be happy to now pursue your questions. Thanks for giving me the extra 10 minutes.

Q What you're saying in essence, and if you could just come out and say it if you could, is the King holiday just basically being observed as a day off pretty much for the last few years?

SENATOR WOFFORD: No, I was organizer of the Martin Luther King Association in Philadelphia, and we've had major celebrations on that day. It's been a day for the majority of American people a day off. The majority, overwhelming number of American students it's just been a day off. That's why I think it is so significant that the Federation of Teachers, the teachers of Philadelphia have joined with the school district of Philadelphia to say we want to ask all of our students to think about what kind of acts ought to be done on this day. Instead of making it just a day off, let's together make it a day of action.

So I don't want to discount the commemorations all over this country, the celebrations of words. But Martin Luther King would say you've got to go beyond the words. Beginning is the word, but the word must be made flesh, must be turned into deeds. With the dialogue which comes first you've got to also take action. So this is fulfilling the promise of the King holiday, not denying the good things that were done before.

Q Mr. Marshall, could you tell us just if you accept as sort of the essence of Dr. King's dream that his children would live in a country where they would be judged not by the color of their skin, but the content of their character -- where is the country right now with respect -- is that dream realized? And what is the message behind sending Vice President Gore to Atlanta to commemorate this day?

MR. MARSHALL: Well, it's obviously a dream to which we all continue to aspire. The Vice President's message will be in large measure a tribute to Dr. King, is my understanding, and a look back on his teachings and where we are today. So I think you will hear in his speech an answer to that question and you will hear that from a number of other folks from the administration who will be out speaking on Monday.

SENATOR WOFFORD: Could I add a word in terms of the summit's commitment of Presidents and thousands of people in Philadelphia to fulfill America's promise and concentrate on the five fundamentals that children and youth need to realize the American Dream, which one of Martin Luther King's last words were the terrible urgency of now to see that every one of God's children's children fulfills America's promise.

When Dr. King was killed and Robert Kennedy was killed, those needs of children and youth were there before us in this country. And we haven't done enough in those 30 years. And we've been in these last years on a number of fronts related to children and youth, moving up to action. And the summit in Philadelphia summoned us to see that every one of God's children achieves the five fundamentals or whatever you want to make as your list that will

enable young people to succeed in this country. And that summit commitment is very much involved in the projects going on all over this country. And to use this day as a jump-start to organize the mentors, the coaches, the tutors, the after-school programs that Vice President Gore spoke about the other day in the child care program -- the child care, the access to health for children, the effective education, the America Reads, the literacy of all children and all young people being asked to serve, not just being served -- those are the goals of the summit. And this King day is another of many steps to give momentum to what I myself call civil rights 2.

Q Do all the states now participate in the holiday or have some -- I mean, do some still not?

SENATOR WOFFORD: I think there are a couple of states that have -- one state still has not made it a holiday. We know -- of our own family of national service, we know projects in 47 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. I'm sure every state is participating in the King's -- in the action of service on King's holiday.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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FROM: HARRIS WOFFORD
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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SERVICE AND AMERICA READS

Last fall, the President issued a challenge to the country to take the steps necessary to have all children read well and independently by the end of the third grade. The Administration's proposal to accomplish this goal was based on a several-pronged strategy, including: strengthening existing Federal efforts such as Head Start and Title I; supporting parents as first teachers; and developing a new initiative - America's Reading Corps -- to enable communities to provide the individualized tutoring and support critical to the more than three million children who need it.

As you know, the President's Reading Corps proposal was to fund 30,000 reading specialists and volunteer coordinators who would mobilize 1,000,000 volunteer tutors. Funding was split between the Department of Education and the Corporation for National Service. The Corporation's budget request was for an increase of \$200 million to support 11,000 new AmeriCorps members to perform this volunteer coordination function, as well as other monies to support the involvement of seniors and college students in this effort. Additional Work Study funds, already included in the prior year budget for the Department of Education, would enable a substantial number of college students to be part of the tutoring army.

The Administration's proposal -- a nontraditional community mobilization approach to educational reform--was based on two central ideas: (1) individualized tutoring works to raise reading levels, particularly when combined with effective in-school teaching and family involvement; and (2) AmeriCorps had demonstrated its capacity to get things done, including the capacity to generate community involvement and volunteer support to meet critical community needs. From the perspective of national service, the unique part of the America Reads challenge was that the expansion of AmeriCorps was being tied to a major national goal, whereas in its first several years communities determined the agenda based solely on various local needs and interests.

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Since last fall, the Corporation has worked hard with the Department of Education to begin to address the President's challenge. The Corporation's program guidelines for all state commissions and grantees issued this year emphasize the reading challenge as an area of high priority, and we will therefore support some new reading programs within existing resource levels this fall. We are also supporting summer reading programs, additional training and technical assistance for ongoing literacy activities, and program growth through Work Study. The national service community is energized by the challenge and awaiting the resources to bring this effort to the scale envisioned by the President.

Since the announcement last fall and the submission of the President's budget and legislative package this spring, we have the paradox of an idea that has stimulated broad support and interest from the public, but little enthusiasm on Capitol Hill. At this point, despite the inclusion of the funding for the initiative within the budget agreement, the appropriations process has moved forward without any significant attention to America Reads. I can report that in the deliberations over the VA/HUD appropriation -- the source of all AmeriCorps grant funds and a majority of the funds for the Corporation for National Service -- America Reads has scarcely been mentioned and it has received no serious consideration. The full House has now passed a VA/HUD bill without any America Reads funds. The Senate Subcommittee has done the same, and the full Senate Appropriations Committee will presumably take the same stance in its markup today.

Without strong White House support for the national service component of the America Reads Challenge--volunteer mobilization and management -- the prospects for favorable Hill action are bleak. If there is no funding for national service in literacy activities it will be bad for the President's record of accomplishment, bad for the President's reading initiative, and bad for AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National Service. Without the mobilization of volunteers by AmeriCorps members, it is unlikely there will be the "army" of volunteer tutors the President called for -- which is the part of the President's proposal that received the most attention and popular support. I urge you to do whatever possible to impress upon Congress the Administration's resolve on this initiative. I would like to sit down with the appropriate White House team to plan what to do. I stand ready to do anything you deem useful in this endeavor.

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DRAFT for MCCURRY statement; July 15, 1997

Regarding the Tiarht amendment to the House VA-HUD appropriation bill being debated July 1~~5~~⁵ and 16th:

The House Appropriations Committee has proposed level-funding for AmeriCorps as part of the VA-HUD bill the House will consider this week. A few members of the "shut down government" crowd, led by Congressman Tiarht, are expected to offer an amendment to kill AmeriCorps.

The President has been very clear: **no bill that cuts or eliminates AmeriCorps will gain his signature.**

The Bipartisan Balanced Budget agreement was achieved without cutting AmeriCorps. Further, it specifically called for funding a literacy initiative along the lines of our America Reads initiative, which -- among other things -- would fund an additional 11,000 AmeriCorps members each year. We are disappointed that the House Appropriations Committee has not yet lived up to the agreement on literacy. It's time for the congressional majority to keep the promises they make and fund national service and America Reads.

It's always good to go outside the beltway to get the real story. The Winfield, Kansas Daily Courier has quoted Congressman Tiarht saying that the real strategy behind his amendment to kill AmeriCorps is to "get the administration's attention." Unfortunately, his reckless political gamesmanship may imperil one of the first appropriations bills passed since the Bipartisan Balanced Budget was approved.

Good things to know:

- 85% of Americans support the use of taxpayer dollars to help fund AmeriCorps
- 91% of Americans think AmeriCorps makes a positive difference in such areas as public safety, education, the environment, and housing.
- 97% of Americans think AmeriCorps is a benefit to the people who serve.
- 60% of Americans would encourage a friend or family member to join AmeriCorps as a way to solve community problem.

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Tiahrt optimistic on chances for vets home grant

Prospects
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By DAVE SEATON

Prospects for a federal grant to complete phase two of construction of the Kansas Veterans Home at Winfield are uncertain, but Rep. Todd Tiahrt is optimistic about getting the job done.

"I think we're going to get it," Tiahrt said during a recent interview in his office on Capitol Hill.

Tiahrt's optimism may arise from the request of the House Veterans Affairs Committee to nearly double President Clinton's budget proposal for grants this year.

"To ensure that states continue to participate in this program ... the committee proposes an appropriation of \$80 million for fiscal year 1998..." said a March 20 memo to Budget Committee chairman John Kasich.

"It's helpful," Dave Hanna of Tiahrt's staff, said today.

The president sought \$41 million although the appropriation has been \$47 million for the past three years. It

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Winfield community leaders are encouraging area residents to attend the signing of the Kansas Veterans Home bill by Gov. Bill Graves Thursday.

The event will take place at 1 p.m. in Memorial Park at Ninth and Fuller. In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved to the commons of Timbercreek building at the Winfield State Hospital and Training Center.

"The weather could present a challenge for us, but then we have overcome many, many challenges along the way. so this seems only a fitting culmination of the legislative process," said Rodger Steffen, chairman of the Community Opportunities for Growth task force, which has been working to help Winfield prepare for the hospital's closure by the end of the year.

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Tiahrt optimistic about vets home grant

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was once as high as \$85 million.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a backlog of \$192 million in grant applications, and 57 of those carry state commitments for matching funds, which makes them eligible to compete for federal funding.

If Gov. Bill Graves signs Kansas' veterans home bill here Thursday as planned, Kansas will become eligible for the coming federal fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

But if there is not enough money to fund Kansas' application for \$4.2 million, Tiahrt, a member of the Appropriations Committee, will try to increase the funds available in the appropriation for fiscal 1998.

"We've got three chances to do it," Tiahrt said, "in subcommittee, in the committee and on the floor."

A hefty increase by the Budget Committee, which sets guidelines for appropriations, would help.

The Kansas Legislature has already authorized spending \$1.7 million for phase one of the project, which includes remodeling the Holly and Juniper buildings attached to the Timbercreek Rehabilitation Center on the east campus of Winfield State Hospital.

Phase two of the project would remodel the older medical services and treatment buildings west of the Timbercreek complex. The administration building would not be part of the veterans home.

Completion of phase two would bring the total number of beds to over 400 and jobs created to 220.

Rep. Jerry Moran, R-Hays, a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee, said he was confident the Kansas delegation would do all it could to help. "We certainly consider Congressman Tiahrt, among us, the leader on this issue," Moran said.

The funding process

Uncertainty about Kansas' application relates both to available funding and the fact Kansas already has 250 beds for veterans at the Kansas Soldiers Home at Fort Dodge.

Kathleen Greve, chief of the state home construction program at the Department of Veterans Affairs, said

Kansas remains one of a few states in which 91 percent or more of the veterans population is unserved by veterans beds.

This gives Kansas an advantage in the statutory process for making funding decisions.

Texas, which has four applications on file, and Nevada, which has one, are 100 percent unserved and have an edge. Kansas is in the second tier with Tennessee and Louisiana, which are each seeking a home.

Greve pointed out this information applies to the current 1997 fiscal year, and the cards will be reshuffled for the next fiscal year.

Tiahrt said earlier he thought \$10 million above last year's appropriation, or \$57 million, would be enough to fund Kansas' application next year.

"If Texas funded all four (with state matching funds), it would be much more," Greve said.

In Texas yet

Speculation is Texas will fund only one home, according to Sen. Greta Goodwin of Winfield. But no one really knows what Texas or other states will do before the Aug. 15 final deadline for the coming fiscal year. Some, like California and New York, have large projects that would eat up a lot of money, if they were funded.

"Some of these states have had their applications in a long time, and some have come back with new ones," Goodwin said. "I can't get a good, strong feeling about whether they are serious or they just want their name up there in case they get serious."

Linda Stalvey, a spokeswoman for the Department of Veterans Affairs, said the statutory selection process is not susceptible to political influence. "It's a cookbook approach," she said.

Tiahrt's strategy is to "get the administration's attention" with an amendment he plans to introduce to shift funds from AmeriCorps, the president's volunteer service program, to the veterans programs.

Tiahrt said he thought getting the appropriation for veterans homes up substantially with this tactic would not be difficult. "I think that's an easy

sell," Tiahrt said. "I think that's doable, based on last year."

Last year the House passed Tiahrt's measure to shift AmeriCorps money to research on prosthetics for veterans. The Senate restored the AmeriCorps funds and then added more for veterans.

Going grassroots

If Kansas does not get a grant this year, there would be several options, according to those involved. The most attractive would be applying for a grant again in the next federal fiscal year.

The Kansas Legislature has written its bill so this could be done before the 60 beds authorized at a VA nursing facility in Wichita come into operation.

Another option would be for Kansas to plow ahead with phase two of the project at Winfield, using state and local funds, and apply later for a federal grant to recoup the \$4.2 million.

Rodger Steffen, chairman of Community Opportunities for Growth, said this option was not very appealing, since adding more beds would lower Kansas' priority for a grant.

"No doubt we would drop way too far down the list to ever get funded," Steffen said of this option.

The number of state veterans homes has grown to 89 in 49 states as aging World War II veterans decide they want to live with other veterans and states seek to save Medicaid monies.

In Kansas, veterans aged 75 and over numbered 26,000 in 1995. This group will reach its peak at 46,000 in 2010, according to the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs.

A study by the commission indicates an annual savings of approximately \$3,811 for each resident at a veterans home, compared with the cost in a nursing home with the veteran on Medicaid.

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"We are hoping that people will bear with us on any last-minute changes that may have to occur and make the effort to be present for this historic event," he said.

Members of both the Winfield American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts are expected to attend the ceremony. Area lawmakers and the governor will have an opportunity to address the public, Steffen said.

For last minute information on the ceremony's location, call the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce at 221-2420 or COG at 221-1129.

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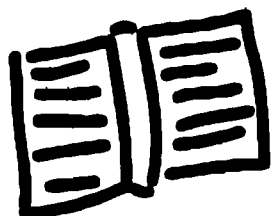
AmeriCorps is getting things done. In an era when government is downsizing and our problems are mounting, national service provides a proven, cost-effective, non-bureaucratic way to engage citizens in meeting our challenges.

- Community programs must compete every year for AmeriCorps members, and they must set and meet tough goals at the local level. Most sponsors are chosen by bipartisan state commissions appointed by governors – not Washington bureaucrats.
- Community groups that sponsor AmeriCorps members must raise at least 33% of the program costs – and do, from the largest corporations to local mom and pop hardware stores. Last year, AmeriCorps raised over \$41 million from the private sector – from companies that know a good return on investment when they see it. They raised another \$50 million in funding and in-kind contributions from state and local agencies like schools, police departments, and health facilities.
- A study done by three noted conservative economists shows that every federal dollar invested in AmeriCorps returns \$2.60 in direct, measurable benefits.



AMERICORPS: WHAT GOT DONE

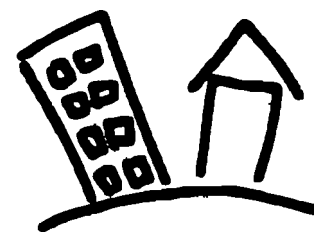
The 25,000 AmeriCorps members in the class of '96 served in locally run programs in 1,200 communities across the United States. In all, AmeriCorps members assisted more than 11.5 million people and recruited, trained, or supervised more than 300,000 volunteers. The following numbers represent a sampling of their accomplishments.



Members help children succeed by tutoring, mentoring and by training volunteers.



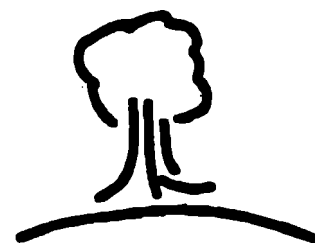
Members respond to communities hit by natural disasters and help ensure safe and affordable housing for Americans in need.



Members build and rehabilitate housing, often involving volunteers from the community and the families being assisted.

508,493 Children taught or tutored
706,527 Students provided educational enrichment activities
95,327 Youth mentored
39,294 Tutors recruited and/or trained

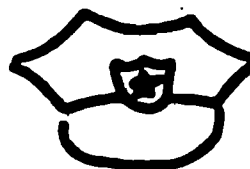
42,381 Homeless persons/ families placed in emergency shelter
31,398 Homeless persons/ families placed in permanent or transitional housing
15,031,838 Pounds of food and clothing prepared for distribution



Members help improve the appearance and safety of urban areas and preserve forests, rivers, and national parks.



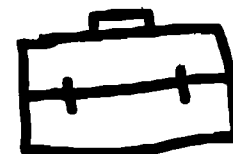
Members serve in clinics, VA hospitals, and other health-related facilities and focus particularly on children and youth.



Members work with police and community organizations to reduce crime through prevention and education.

3,133 Public safety patrols and programs established or expanded
85,406 Students enrolled or supervised in after-school programs
109,370 Persons trained or counseled in violence prevention

3,544 Neighborhoods cleaned up
24,307,203 Trees planted
3,086 Miles of riverbank and shoreline restored



Members provide training to people who are unemployed, including families on welfare, to help them find permanent jobs.

64,449 Children and adults immunized
143,513 Individuals provided health care screening
1,105,805 Persons provided with health care information

2,886 Persons placed in jobs
31,908 Persons provided employment-related services



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT AMERICORPS...

"AmeriCorps is doing a lot of good things around this country. They're leveraging up other volunteers who come in to work with AmeriCorps."

— General Colin Powell

"We have found AmeriCorps to be an enormously beneficial addition to the traditional voluntary sector... Rather than replacing volunteers or diminishing volunteerism, we are finding over and over again that national service participants are helping draw more volunteers into service in communities across the country."

— Leaders of twenty-four national nonprofit organizations, including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, YMCA/YWCA, AARP, and the Girl Scouts

"It is a big help to disaster victims to work with motivated, self-sufficient young AmeriCorps members who will be in the community long after the TV cameras have been turned off and interest has flagged."

— James Lee Witt, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency

"These kids, they're bright, they're clean-cut, they are wonderful role models. It's really the best program I know of, and I would commend it to every community."

— Mayor Joseph Riley, Mayor of Charleston, South Carolina

"During my twenty-five years of experience with Atlanta's public schools, I have observed a lot of 'new' programs, but the positive experience that AmeriCorps has had on this school far exceeds anything I have experienced."

— Don Doran, Principal,
Benteen Elementary School
Atlanta, Georgia

"Well, four years after the President launched AmeriCorps, and two years after Congress moved in for the kill, it's alive and kicking. The value of full-time, low-pay service a la AmeriCorps and its precursors—Peace Corps and VISTA—is being celebrated at the Presidents' Summit. Now it's time to dramatically expand these programs."

— The Philadelphia Inquirer

"AmeriCorps has helped turn around one of the most troubled parts of our city. The neighborhood has come together, crime is down, and families can use the parks in safety. The partnership of national service and community policing is a winner for Kansas City."

— Steven C. Bishop, Police Chief
Kansas City, Missouri

"I do want to suggest one Clinton agenda item that Christians ought to be proud of, and support—the AmeriCorps program. Instead of giving away grants, the AmeriCorps program enables young people to get the financial help they need for education by working for it in programs that are cutting back on urban crime, cleaning up the environment, and improving education in urban schools."

— Tony Campolo, Evangelist and Author

"Every taxpayer's dollar we spend on AmeriCorps comes back threefold, when we add up the value of your innovative ideas, your physical labor, and all of the skills you bring to the workforce when you finish your education.... It is one of the most intelligent uses of taxpayers' dollars ever."

— Governor William Weld, Massachusetts

"As AmeriCorps members gain in construction skill, our affiliates are able to expand the number of occasional volunteers through increased capacity to supervise and manage volunteers.... We at Habitat for Humanity feel privileged and honored to have the AmeriCorps people with us, and we want more of them as time goes on."

— Millard Fuller, Founder, Habitat for Humanity

NEWS

House Appropriations Committee

Chairman, Bob Livingston (R-LA)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
June 13, 1997

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LIVINGSTON RELEASES FY98 SPENDING LEVELS

Washington, DC -- Upon releasing 602b allocations for the thirteen appropriations subcommittees, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston (R-LA) made the following statement:

"These spending levels for all functions of the federal government are consistent with those specified in the Balanced Budget Agreement," said Livingston. "My Committee will continue to do its part toward cutting and terminating unnecessary programs in our effort to save taxpayers' dollars and scale back the overall size of government. Specifically, I reserve my right to cut and terminate programs of questionable worth, such as the Ounce of Prevention Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Globe Program, the Advanced Technology Program, and Americorps."

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Do we find every detail in the budget agreement is binding? No," Livingston said.

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President Clinton and Congress may have agreed on a balanced budget, but that doesn't mean the battle over federal spending is over, says U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston, R-Metairie.

Livingston, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said Wednesday that the agreement, ratified last week by the House and Senate, won't prevent his committee from attempting to terminate some programs championed by the president, including the National Endowment for the Arts and Americorps, the national volunteer program. He also said the committee might seek changes in a Clinton initiative to provide college scholarships to students who maintain B averages.

"Do we find every detail in the budget agreement is binding? No," Livingston said. "The appropriations process is independent and every bill must be voted on by 435 members of Congress."

Livingston said spending for some programs will be greater than what was intended in the agreement with the president and some will be less.

Some of the programs that Livingston says the committee might seek to eliminate, such as the National Endowment for the Arts, aren't specially mentioned in the budget agreement. But others, including the scholarship program, were incorporated into it.

In the end, Livingston said, the committee is more likely to make changes in the scholarship program, rather than eliminate it all together.

Despite his comments, Livingston said he would strive to come as close as possible to the numbers incorporated into the budget agreement as the 13 major appropriations bills are written by his committee. And he praised the accord as the "best possible deal" to

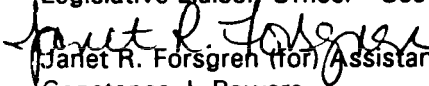
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Tuesday, June 24, 1997

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Corporation for Natl and Community Service Draft Bill on National and
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DEADLINE: cob Tuesday, July 1, 1997

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The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Enclosed is a proposed bill, entitled the National and Community Service Improvements Act of 1997, to extend and amend national service legislation, including the National and Community Service Act of 1990 and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973.

In developing this legislation, the Corporation identified four themes that guided our specific proposals: (1) devolve more authority and provide greater flexibility to States and local communities in implementing national service programs; (2) provide opportunities to streamline the delivery system, thereby resulting in reduced costs and improved efficiencies; (3) provide for greater coordination among national and community service programs authorized under these acts as well as those carried out by States and local communities and organizations; and (4) modify and improve programs based on the experience developed over the last several years. In addition, this bill will make a number of technical revisions to the existing statutes.

As you may be aware, authorization for programs under the National and Community Service Act and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act expires at the end of fiscal year 1997.

We believe that the programs authorized under national service legislation, and the Corporation itself, have proven highly effective over the last several years in meeting the mandate set by the President to foster and expand citizen service in communities throughout the nation. This mandate was passed by the Congress through the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, which extended and modified the National and Community Service Act of 1990 and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973.

In the three years since the program was created, the Corporation has accomplished a rapid and effective start-up and made significant progress in helping communities to use service as a strategy to address their most critical needs.

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Getting Things Done.
AmeriCorps, National Service
Learn and Serve America
National Senior Service Corps

In this brief three-year period, approximately 70,000 AmeriCorps Members have served in over 1,800 non-profit operating sites. A 1996 evaluation of AmeriCorps programs conducted by an independent contractor, Aguirre International, examined the activities of one out of every ten AmeriCorps Members then serving. Aguirre found these AmeriCorps members to have: a) taught, tutored, or mentored almost 64,000 students; b) collected, organized and distributed 974,000 pounds of food; c) helped 2,550 homeless people find shelter; d) developed and distributed 38,500 sets of information about HIV/AIDS, street safety, health care, and other issues; e) ran violence-prevention after-school programs for 50,000 youth; f) performed energy audits for more than 18 million square feet of buildings; and g) planted more than 210,000 trees.

Other independent evaluators have reviewed the program, and concluded that national service yields a positive return on investment. For example, in a Cost and Benefit study of Two AmeriCorps projects in the State of Washington, the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory concluded that every dollar invested yielded a return of up to \$2.40. They also catalogued less-easily measured benefits to both the participants and the community. In another study, the Charles A. Dana, IBM International, and James Irvine Foundations commissioned a team of economists to examine more than 70 AmeriCorps sites. The results indicate an expected return on each dollar invested of up to \$2.60 in direct, measurable benefits.

The other components of AmeriCorps--Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) and the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)--have a similar record of accomplishment. For example, a recent evaluation of VISTA projects showed that the overwhelming majority of projects designed and created by VISTAs continued even after individual VISTAs had completed their service.

Similar results exist for Learn and Serve America and National Senior Service Corps programs. Learn and Serve America was started in 1990 through the National and Community Service Act signed by President Bush. A recently-completed three-year evaluation of Learn and Serve America programs by Brandeis University and Abt Associates Inc. determined that these programs strengthen civic attitudes, promote volunteer activity, and improve the ability of young people to learn. The authors also found that such programs "produce about \$3 in direct community benefits for every dollar in program costs." More than three quarters of a million students at the elementary, secondary, and postsecondary levels are supported by this legislation.

The programs that comprise the National Senior Service Corps have existed for almost three decades, and provide today an opportunity for over 500,000 seniors to meet unmet needs in communities across the country. Our evaluations show that seniors are a critical resource to local organizations, and we have set goals to double the size of the effort and to strengthen programming to maximize the benefits for local communities.

We propose to build on this brief but significant history of the Corporation. Accordingly, this proposed legislation would reauthorize the major programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2002. The programs to be reauthorized include: AmeriCorps, including AmeriCorps*State which

provides grants to State Commissions on National and Community Service appointed by Governors; AmeriCorps*National which provides direct grants to national organizations; AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), and AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps); Learn and Serve America, including Elementary and Secondary Education and Higher Education; the National Senior Service Corps, including the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Foster Grandparent Program, and the Senior Companion Program; as well as demonstration and other authorities necessary to provide continued support for the infrastructure and quality improvement necessary to enable national service to thrive into the next century.

In preparing this legislation we have attempted to build on the lessons learned over the last several years, responding to the bipartisan interest in the Congress to support service to one's community as an integral part of what it means to be an American. The recent Presidents' Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia reenforced and strengthened the role of the Corporation for National and Community Service as a key vehicle to provide our young people with five fundamental resources that are necessary to maximize their potential, experience the American dream, and have the opportunity to give back to their communities.

In general, the bill complies with existing legislative requirements and the President's Budget for fiscal year 1998 and beyond. The single exception is the proposal to make the education award for AmeriCorps Members not subject to Federal income tax. Based on our assumptions which may require revision, the tax expenditure on an annual basis will be about \$14 million. As the AmeriCorps program expands due to the President's "challenge scholarships" and America Reads plans, the annual cost will approach \$20 million.

Following are the specific legislative proposals contained in the bill.

The proposed legislation includes a new authority -- Service Collaboration Agreements -- that will provide a means for improving the planning and administration of the Corporation's national service programs in a State. The authority will be used selectively and voluntarily, and tailored to the circumstances of those States wishing to participate. Service agreements will be made with Governors and will incorporate performance goals and indicators.

The name AmeriCorps, which was conceived after passage of the 1993 Act, will be codified. Other changes affecting AmeriCorps are:

- Explicit authority for making AmeriCorps grants to Federal agencies is removed.
- The distribution of AmeriCorps grant funds (two-thirds for AmeriCorps*State and one-third for AmeriCorps*National) remains unchanged. However, the relative percentages of AmeriCorps*State monies distributed on a formula/competitive basis are changed from 50/50% currently to 60/40% in 1998; 65/35% in 1999; and 70/30% thereafter.
- The generation of unstipended volunteers is made an explicit AmeriCorps grants priority.

- The Corporation's average budgeted costs per AmeriCorps Member is reduced; the ceiling is \$16,000 for programs funded in fiscal year 1998 and \$15,000 (adjusted for inflation) thereafter. Waivers of matching requirements are authorized.
- AmeriCorps Leaders are brought under federal workers' compensation and tort claims liability laws.
- Enhanced waiver authority is provided to allow the Corporation to test innovative approaches to national service.
- The description of prohibited activity, including political activity, is strengthened.
- The minimum grant for State Commission administration is set at \$200,000. The minimum amount of AmeriCorps* grant funds per State is set at \$500,000.
- The bill expands the education award only approach by authorizing the use of subtitle C funds for this purpose.

Various AmeriCorps*NCCC provisions are changed to more explicitly conform to current practice, including:

- Designating campuses (the current Act describes camps).
- Identifying response to natural disasters as a purpose of NCCC.
- Describing goals that are related to national service and military service.
- Raising the minimum age for AmeriCorps*NCCC membership from 16 to 18 (except for summer programs).
- Clarifying educational requirements and eligibility for an educational award, and eliminating the alternative cash benefit for AmeriCorps*NCCC Members.

Administration of the National Service Trust is addressed by:

- Expanding the definition of institutions of higher education and revising the definition of a qualified student loan.
- Specifying that the education award not be treated as income for Federal tax purposes.
- Clarifying that no more than two full-time awards or their equivalent in part-time service awards may be earned.

- Authorizing use of the National Service Trust for scholarships at the high school level for community service.
- Permitting the use of Trust funds for purposes related to administering Members' accounts.

AmeriCorps*VISTA is also modified:

- The purpose is clarified to emphasize promoting sustainable activities in communities.
- Miscellaneous and obsolete administrative requirements are removed.
- AmeriCorps*VISTA Members are provided family and medical leave benefits.
- Cost sharing with other organizations is explicitly encouraged.
- AmeriCorps*VISTA service for an individual Member is limited to three years, with an education award available for no more than two years of service.

For Learn and Serve America, titling is clarified and:

- Funds available for capacity building activities under Learn and Serve America School Based Programs are increased to a maximum of 25% of funds distributed by formula. Funds distribution is restricted to States and established at 70% based on formula and 30% on a competitive basis. The minimum grant amount per State is increased to \$100,000, and States are required to distribute funds competitively.
- For Learn and Serve America Higher Education programs, State Commissions and State Higher Education Boards are added as eligible applicants; and service learning is added as a fundamental purpose.
- Authority for supporting multi-State programs, demonstrations, and activities to improve the quality of service learning programs is added.
- States are given authority to designate a single State entity to administer Learn and Serve America school based and community-based programs in the State, either the State Commission or the State Education Agency.

The name National Senior Service Corps is codified in the Act, and:

- The program's purpose is modified to emphasize impact within communities of senior service. The minimum age for participants is made uniform at 55 years.
- The ability to provide incentives for sustained service under the Retired and Senior

Volunteer Program is included; meeting community needs is added as a purpose; and a 45-day period for review of certain RSVP grants is eliminated.

- Authority for Foster Grandparent Program Leaders is included; up to 10% of federal funds may be used to support individuals who are not low-income; eligibility is raised to 150% of the poverty level; and funding for programs of national significance is simplified.
- The changes in the Senior Companion Program are comparable to those planned for the Foster Grandparent Program.

Authorities for supplemental and outreach grants for individuals with disabilities is extended to all AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America and National Senior Service Corps programs. Training and technical assistance authorities are also extended to all programs supported by the Corporation.

Finally, various redundant or obsolete authorities are repealed, including VISTA Literacy Corps; certain Special Volunteer Programs; and Challenge Grants for National Service Programs. Changes in administration and organization include clarifying the role of the Corporations' appointed representatives to State Commissions; revising the process for terminating grant assistance; revising participant hearing and grievance procedures; adding authority for personal services contracts; providing retirement incentive (buy out) authority; and modifying references to the Corporation's Managing Directors.

Authorities for authorization of appropriations (President's Budget for FY 1998 and such sums as are necessary for fiscal years 1999-2002) are also provided and various technical budgetary and appropriations issues are addressed, including removal of a requirement limiting the use of AmeriCorps*VISTA Members to support other Corporation programs, and removal of a redundant requirement mandating a minimum number of AmeriCorps*VISTA service years. As you may be aware, authorization for programs under the National and Community Service Act and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act expires at the end of fiscal year 1997.

On behalf of the Administration, I respectfully request prompt consideration and enactment of this necessary legislation. I look forward to discussions with the Congress about the specifics of the proposal, and wish to recognize in advance the strong bipartisan commitment to service.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the presentation of this proposed legislation to Congress and that its enactment would be in accord with the program of the President.

Sincerely,

Harris Wofford
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

1 A BILL

2 To extend for five years the authorization of appropriations for the programs under the
3 National and Community Service Act of 1990 and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973,
4 and for other purposes.

5 Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of
6 America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "National and Community
7 Service Improvements Act of 1997".

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1 TITLE I--AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990

2 REFERENCES

3 SEC. 101. Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this title an
4 amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a provision, the
5 reference shall be considered to be made to a provision of the National and Community Service
6 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.).

7 SUBTITLE A--AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE A (GENERAL PROVISIONS)

8 PURPOSES OF ACT

9 SEC. 111. Section 2(b) (42 U.S.C. 12501(b)) is amended--

10 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking "citizens; and" and inserting "citizens;";

11 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 "(9) expand and strengthen service-learning programs to improve the education of
14 children and youth and to maximize the benefits of national and community service."

15 DEFINITIONS

16 SEC. 112. Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 12511) is amended--

17 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking "approved national service position" both places
18 it appears and inserting "AmeriCorps national service position";

19 (2) in paragraph (17)(B), by striking "program in which the participant is
20 enrolled" and inserting "organization or organizations receiving assistance under the national
21 service laws through which the participant enrolls in an AmeriCorps national service position";

(3) in paragraph (26), by striking the second sentence;

(4) by redesignating paragraph (29) as paragraph (30); and

(5) by inserting after paragraph (28) the following:

“(29) STATE AGENCY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.--The term “State agency

for higher education” means the State board of higher education or other agency or officer

primarily responsible for the State supervision of higher education, or, if there is no such officer

or agency, an officer or agency designated for the purpose of carrying out this part by the

Governor or by State law.”.

SUBTITLE B--AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE B (SCHOOL-BASED AND COMMUNITY
BASED SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS)

RECIPIENTS OF SCHOOL-BASED GRANTS

SEC. 121. Section 111(42 U.S.C. 12521(a)) is amended--

(1) in the heading, by striking “AUTHORITY TO ASSIST STATES AND
INDIAN TRIBES” and inserting “AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS AND ALLOTMENTS”;

(2) in subsection (a)--

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “(through State
educational agencies), and to Indian tribes,”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “or Indian tribes (which may be
accomplished through grants or contracts with qualified organizations)”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking “paragraph (2); and” and inserting
“paragraph (2);”;

(D) in paragraph (4), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(E) by adding at the end the following: “(5) providing training and technical assistance to service-learning programs.”;

(3) in subsection (c)--

(A) by striking “A partnership, local educational agency, or other qualified organization” and inserting “An entity”; and

(B) by inserting “training and technical assistance,” before “and evaluations”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) STATE ADMINISTRATION.--

“(1) A State may apply for assistance under this subpart either through a State educational agency or through a State Commission.

“(2) If a State applies for assistance under this subpart through a State Commission, all references in this subpart to a State educational agency shall be deemed to include a State Commission.

“(3) A State receiving assistance under this subpart must ensure that the State educational agency and the State Commission coordinate their respective activities.”.

STREAMLINING SCHOOL-BASED APPLICATIONS

SEC. 122. Subpart A is amended by striking section 111A (42 U.S.C. 12522), section 111B (42 U.S.C. 12523), and section 114 (42 U.S.C. 12526).

GRANTS AND ALLOTMENTS

1 SEC. 123. Section 112 (42 U.S.C. 12524) is amended--

2 (1) by striking subsection (a);

3 (2) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), and (d) as subsections (a), (b), and (c),
4 respectively;

5 (3) in subsection (a) (as redesignated by this section)--

6 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "The Corporation"
7 and inserting "After operation of subpart D, the Corporation";

8 (B) in paragraph (1)--

9 (i) by striking "25 percent" and inserting "30 percent"; and

10 (ii) by striking "to--" and all that follows and inserting "to States.";

11 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking "37.5 percent" each place it appears and
12 inserting "35 percent"; and

13 (D) in paragraph (3)--

14 (i) by striking "the allotment such State received for fiscal year
15 1993 under section 112(b) of this Act, as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this
16 part" and inserting "\$100,000"; and

17 (ii) by striking "25 percent" and inserting "30 percent";

18 (4) in subsection (b) (as redesignated by this section)--

19 (A) by striking "or Indian tribe" each place it appears;

20 (B) by striking ", and Indian tribes,"; and

21 (C) by striking ", after making any grants under section 111A to a

partnership or agency described in such section,”; and

(5) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by this section)--

(A) by striking “subsections (a) and (b)” and inserting “subsection (a)”;

and

(B) by striking “and Indian tribes,”.

APPLICATIONS TO THE CORPORATION

SEC. 124. Section 113 (42 U.S.C. 12525) is amended--

(1) in the heading, by striking “STATE OR TRIBAL APPLICATIONS” and inserting “APPLICATIONS TO THE CORPORATION”.

(2) in subsection (a), by striking “a grant under section 112(b)(1), an allotment under subsection (a) or (b)(2) of section 112, a reallocation under section 112(c), or a grant under section 112(d), a State, acting through the State educational agency, or an Indian tribe,” and inserting “assistance under this subpart, an applicant”;

(3) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking “; and” and inserting a semi-colon;

(4) in subsection (b)(2)(B)--

(A) by striking “section 177” and inserting “section 174”;

(B) by striking “section 176(f)” and inserting “section 176(e)”;

(C) by striking “; and” and inserting a semi-colon; and

(5) by inserting after subsection (b)(2)(B) the following:

“(C) the applicant selected programs on a competitive basis; and”.

LIMITATIONS ON USES OF FUNDS

1 SEC. 125. Section 116A (42 U.S.C. 12530) is amended--

2 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking "a State educational agency, Indian tribe, or
3 grantmaking entity that is the original recipient of a grant or allotment under subsection (a), (b),
4 (c), or (d) of section 112" and inserting "the original recipient of a grant or allotment under this
5 subpart";

6 (2) in subsection (b)(1)--

7 (A) by striking "Except" and inserting "Subject to the restrictions";

8 (B) by striking "not more than 15 percent" and inserting "not more than 25
9 percent";

10 (C) by striking "or Indian tribe"; and

11 (D) by striking "subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) of section 112" and inserting
12 "this subpart"; and

13 (3) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

14 "(2) RESTRICTIONS.--The Chief Executive Officer may place restrictions on the
15 types and amounts of activities authorized in paragraph (1).".

16 GENERAL AUTHORITY; STATE ADMINISTRATIVE FLEXIBILITY

17 SEC. 126. Section 117A (42 U.S.C. 12542) is amended--

18 (1) in subsection (a)--

19 (A) by striking "From the funds appropriated" and inserting "After
20 operation of subpart D, from the funds appropriated"; and

21 (B) by striking ", grantmaking entities, and qualified organizations";

1 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c);

2 (3) by adding after subsection (a) the following:

3 “(b) STATE ADMINISTRATION.--

4 “(1) A State may apply for assistance under this subpart either through a State
5 educational agency or through a State Commission.

6 “(2) If a State applies for assistance under this subpart through a State educational
7 agency, all references in this subpart to a State Commission shall be deemed to include a State
8 educational agency.

9 “(3) A State receiving assistance under this subpart must ensure that the State
10 educational agency and the State Commission coordinate their respective activities.”; and

11 (4) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by this section)--

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “STATE COMMISSIONS AND
13 GRANTMAKING ENTITIES.--A State Commission or grantmaking entity” and inserting
14 “GRANTMAKING.--A State Commission”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “, other than a grantmaking entity,”.

16 CLEARINGHOUSE

17 SEC. 127. Section 118 (42 U.S.C. 12551) is amended--

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “The Corporation shall provide financial
19 assistance, from funds appropriated to carry out subtitle H,” and inserting “The Corporation may
20 provide financial assistance”; and

21 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT

1 ORGANIZATIONS--Public or private nonprofit organizations” and inserting “ELIGIBLE
2 ORGANIZATIONS--Organizations.”.

3 INDIAN TRIBES AND U.S. TERRITORIES

4 SEC. 128. Subtitle B is amended by adding after subpart C the following:

5 “SUBPART D--INDIAN TRIBES AND U.S. TERRITORIES

6 “SEC. 118A. INDIAN TRIBES AND U.S. TERRITORIES

7 “(a) ALLOTMENT--Of the amounts appropriated to carry out subpart A and subpart B
8 for any fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve an amount of not more than 3 percent for
9 payments to Indian tribes, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the
10 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be allotted in accordance with their
11 respective needs.

12 “(b) RULES--Unless specifically authorized otherwise by the Corporation, assistance
13 under this subpart shall be provided and used in accordance with the applicable provision of
14 subpart A or subpart B, as the case may be.”.

15 MULTI-STATE, DEMONSTRATION, AND OTHER INITIATIVES

16 SEC. 129. Subtitle B is amended by adding after subpart D the following:

17 “SUBPART E--MULTI-STATE, DEMONSTRATION, AND OTHER INITIATIVES

18 “SEC. 118B. DEFINITIONS.

19 “As used in this subpart:

20 “(1) GRANTMAKING ENTITY--The term “grantmaking entity” means a
21 qualified organization that--

“(A) submits an application under section 118C to make grants to qualified organizations;

“(B) was in existence at least one year before the date on which the entity submitted the application; and

“(C) meets such other criteria as the Chief Executive Officer may establish.

“(2) QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION.--The term “qualified organization” has the same meaning given the term in section 117.

“SEC. 118C. GRANTS TO SUPPORT MULTI-STATE, DEMONSTRATION, AND OTHER INITIATIVES.

“(a) METHODS OF SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES.--From the funds appropriated to carry out this subpart for a fiscal year, the Corporation may make grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, eligible entities to support multi-State, demonstration, or other activities to improve or expand effective service-learning programs.

“(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.--Eligible entities under this subpart are--

“(1) grantmaking entities;

“(2) qualified organizations;

“(3) institutions of higher education; and

“(4) subdivisions of States.

“(c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.--Funds under this subpart may be used to--

“(1) conduct school-based or community-based programs in more than one State;

“(2) conduct school-based or community-based programs of sufficient size to serve as national models;

“(3) replicate a school-based or community-based program in more than one locality; or

“(4) provide training and technical assistance and to disseminate materials and information about best practices to school-based and community-based programs.”.

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

SEC. 131. Section 119 (42 U.S.C. 12561) is amended--

(1) in the heading, by striking “INNOVATIVE”;

(2) in subsection (a)--

(A) by striking “supporting innovative community service programs” and inserting “supporting service-learning and community service programs”; and

(B) by striking the period and inserting “and across the nation.”;

(3) in subsection (b)--

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “make grants to, and enter into contracts with, institutions of higher education (including a combination of such institutions) and partnerships comprised of such institutions and of other public or private nonprofit organizations, to pay for” and inserting “to pay for, by grant, contract, or cooperative agreement”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “enabling such an institution or partnership to create or expand” and inserting “creating or expanding”;

(C) in paragraph (6), by striking “and”;

(D) in paragraph (7), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) support other activities described in section 111(c).”;

(4) by redesignating subsections (c) through (g) as subsections (d) through (h),
respectively;

(5) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.--Eligible applicants under this part are--

“(1) Institutions of higher education (including such institutions that apply as part
of a consortium of public or private nonprofit organizations);

“(2) State Commissions (as part of a consortium that includes at least one
institution of higher education); and

“(3) State agencies for higher education (as part of a consortium that includes at
least one institution of higher education).”;

(6) in subsection (d)(1)(A) (as redesignated by this section), by striking “carrying
out a community service project” and inserting “carrying out a service-learning or community
service project”;

(7) in subsection (e)(2)(A)(ii) (as redesignated by this section)--

(A) by striking “section 177” and inserting “section 174”; and

(B) by striking “section 176(f)” and inserting “section 176(e)”; and

(8) in subsection (f) (as redesignated by this section)--

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (A), by striking “(1) In general.--In making grants and entering into contracts under subsection (b), the Corporation shall give priority to applicants that submit applications containing proposals that--” and inserting: “In making grants and entering into contracts under subsection (b), the Corporation may give priority to proposals that--”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2);

(C) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (G) as paragraphs (1) through (7), respectively;

(D) in paragraph (1) (as redesignated by this section), by striking “supporting the community service projects” and inserting “supporting the service-learning and community service projects”; and

(E) in paragraph (4) (as redesignated by this section)--

(i) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B) (as redesignated by this section), by redesignating subclauses (I), (II), and (III) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively.

SUBTITLE C--AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE C (NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST PROGRAM)

RESTRICTIONS ON FEDERAL AGENCIES; LIMITS ON CORPORATION COSTS

SEC. 141. Section 121 (42 U.S.C. 12571) is amended--

(1) in subsection (b)--

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “RESTRICTIONS ON” before “AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) PROHIBITION ON OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE.--The Corporation may not provide operational assistance to a Federal agency.”; and

(C) in paragraph (3)--

(i) by striking “receiving assistance under this subsection” and inserting “operating a national service program”; and

(ii) by striking “using such assistance”;

(2) in subsection (d)--

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or (b)”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “or (b)”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(f) COST OF PARTICIPANTS.--

“(1) The Corporation's share of the cost of positions approved under the national service laws, as measured by the average budgeted cost per individual enrolled in an AmeriCorps national service position, including administrative and support costs attributable to such individuals, may not exceed--

“(A) \$16,000 in fiscal year 1998 funds;

“(B) \$15,000 in fiscal year 1999 funds; and

“(C) \$15,000, adjusted in inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price

1 Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Secretary of Labor, in fiscal years 2000 through
2 2002.

3 “(2) The limits in paragraph (1) are based on aggregate Corporation expenditures
4 attributable to individuals enrolled in AmeriCorps positions approved under the national service
5 laws.”.

6 TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

7 SEC. 142. Section 125 (42 U.S.C. 12575) is amended--

8 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “national service programs assisted
9 under section 121” and inserting “programs assisted or allotted AmeriCorps national service
10 positions under the national service laws”;

11 (2) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking
12 “described in section 121” and inserting “assisted or allotted AmeriCorps national service
13 positions under the national service laws”; and

14 (3) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “under such section or under a grant
15 program conducted using assistance provided under such section”.

16 ASSISTANCE TO STATE COMMISSIONS

17 SEC. 143. Section 126 (42 U.S.C. 12576) is amended--

18 (1) in subsection (a)--

19 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$125,000” and inserting
20 “\$200,000”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “, together with other Federal

1 funds available” and all that follows through “assistance under this subsection” and inserting
2 “may not exceed the non-Corporation share of costs to operate the State Commission”; and
3 (2) by striking subsection (c).

4 GRANTS TO STATES; DISABILITY FUNDS; REDUCTION IN CORPORATION COSTS

5
6 SEC. 144. Section 129 (42 U.S.C. 12581) is amended--

7 (1) in subsection (a)--

8 (A) in the heading, by striking “APPROVED” and inserting
9 “AMERICORPS”;

10 (B) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

11 “(1) Allotment of assistance to certain States.--

12 “(A) Of the funds allocated by the Corporation for provision of assistance
13 under subsection (a) of section 121 for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall make a grant under
14 section 121(a) (and a corresponding allotment of AmeriCorps national service positions) to each
15 of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that has an
16 application approved by the Corporation under section 133.

17 “(B) The amount allotted as a grant to each State under subsection (a)(1)
18 of section 121 for a fiscal year shall be no less than the amount that bears the same ratio to 40
19 percent of the allocated funds for fiscal year 1998, 43 1/3 percent of the allocated funds for fiscal
20 year 1999, and 46 1/3 percent of the allocated funds for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, as the case
21 may be, as the population of the State bears to the total population of the several States, the
22 District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

“(C) The amount allotted as a grant to each State under subsection (a)(1) of section 121 for each fiscal year must be equal to or greater than \$500,000.”;

(C) in paragraph (2)--

(i) by striking “provision of assistance under subsections (a) and (b) of section 121” and inserting “provision of assistance under section 121(a)”;

(ii) by striking the second sentence; and

(D) in paragraph (3), by striking “subsections (a) and (b) of section 121 for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve 1 percent of the allocated funds for grants under section 121(a)” and inserting “section 121(a) for a fiscal year, the Corporation shall reserve one percent for grants”;

(2) by striking subsection (b) and redesignating subsections (c) through (g) as subsections (b) through (f), respectively;

(3) in subsection (b) (as redesignated by this section), by striking “or challenge grants under subsection (c) of such section”;

(4) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by this section)--

(A) in paragraph (1)--

(i) by striking “provision of assistance under subsections (a) and (b) of section 121” and inserting “provision of assistance under section 121(a)”;

(ii) by striking “the Corporation shall use not less than 33 1/3 percent of the allocated funds to make grants to States” and inserting “the Corporation shall use no more than 26 2/3 percent of the allocated funds in fiscal year 1998, no more than 23 1/3

1 percent of the allocated funds in fiscal year 1999, and no more than 20 1/3 percent of the
2 allocated funds in fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, as the case may be, to make grants to
3 States”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2)--

5 (i) by striking “FEDERAL AGENCIES AND OTHER
6 APPLICANTS” and inserting “OTHER APPLICANTS”;

7 (ii) by inserting “and” before “institutions of higher education”;
8 and

9 (iii) by striking “, and Federal agencies”;

10 (C) by striking paragraph (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as
11 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

12 (D) in paragraph (4)(B) (as redesignated by this section)--

13 (i) in the heading, by striking “ASSIST ENTITIES IN PLACING
14 APPLICANTS WHO ARE” and inserting “INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF”;

15 (ii) in clause (i)(I), by striking “receive a grant to carry out a
16 national service program under paragraph (1) or (2)” and inserting “receive assistance or an
17 allotment of AmeriCorps national service positions under the national service laws”;

18 (iii) in clause (i)(II), by striking “a substantial number of”;

19 (iv) in clause (i)(III), by striking “placing a substantial number of
20 such individuals with a disability as participants in projects carried out through the program” and
21 inserting “increasing the participation of individuals with a disability in activities carried out

1 under the national service laws”; and

2 (v) in clause (ii), by striking “as funds made available through a
3 grant made under paragraph (1) or (2)” and inserting “as the supplemented grant or allotment”;
4 and

5 (5) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(g) RESERVATION OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS REDUCING
7 CORPORATION COSTS.--

8 “(1) From amounts appropriated for a fiscal year to provide financial assistance
9 under subtitle C and consistent with the restriction in paragraph (2), the Corporation may reserve
10 an amount up to \$15,000,000 to provide operational assistance to programs that receive
11 AmeriCorps national service positions but do not receive funds under section 121(a).

12 “(2) Operational support under this subsection may not exceed \$1,000 per
13 individual enrolled in an AmeriCorps national service position.

14 “(3) The Chief Executive Officer may waive, or specify alternative requirements
15 for, requirements otherwise provided in subtitle C in connection with national service positions
16 approved under this subsection after determining that such action will further the purposes of the
17 national service laws.”.

18 VOLUNTEER GENERATION

19 SEC. 145. Section 133(c) (42 U.S.C. 12585(c)) is amended by redesignating paragraph
20 (8) as paragraph (9) and inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

21 “(8) If applicable, the extent to which the program generates the involvement of

1 volunteers.”.

2 SELECTION OF NATIONAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

3 SEC. 146. Section 138 (42 U.S.C. 12592) is amended--

4 (1) in subsection (e)(3), by striking the second sentence; and

5 (2) by inserting after subsection (e)(3) the following:

6 “(4) Status of Leaders under Federal Law.--

7 “(A) In General.--Except as otherwise provided in this section, individuals
8 who receive special leadership training from the Corporation and who are assigned by the
9 Corporation to programs shall not, by reason of their status as such leaders, be considered
10 Federal employees or be subject to the provisions of law relating to Federal employment.

11 “(B) Work-Related Injuries.--

12 “(i) In general.--For purposes of subchapter I of chapter 81 of title
13 5, United States Code, relating to the compensation of Federal employees for work injuries,
14 individuals who receive special leadership training from the Corporation and who are assigned
15 by the Corporation to programs shall be considered as employees of the United States within the
16 meaning of the term ‘employee’, as defined in section 8101 of such title.

17 “(ii) Special rule.--In the application of the provisions of
18 subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to an individual referred to in paragraph
19 (1), the individual shall not be considered to be in the performance of duty while absent from the
20 individual’s assigned post of duty unless the absence is authorized in accordance with procedures
21 prescribed by the Corporation.

“(iii) Tort Claims Procedure.--Individuals who receive special leadership training from the Corporation and who are assigned by the Corporation to programs shall be considered employees of the United States for purposes of chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, relating to tort claims liability and procedure.”.

RELEASE FOR COMPELLING PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

SEC. 147. Section 139(c) (42 U.S.C. 12593) is amended--

(1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “as demonstrated by the participant” and inserting “as determined by the organization responsible for granting a release, if the participant has performed satisfactorily and has completed at least 15 percent of the original term of service”;

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “provide to the participant that portion of the national service educational award” and inserting “certify the participant's eligibility for that portion of the national service educational award”; and

(3) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “to allow return to the program with which the individual was serving in order to complete” and inserting “to complete”.

ADJUSTMENTS TO LIVING ALLOWANCE

SEC. 148. Section 140 (42 U.S.C. 12594) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)--

(A) in paragraph (1)--

(i) by striking “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and (4)”; and

(ii) by inserting “for twelve months” before “on a full-time basis”;

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) as paragraphs (5) (6), and (7), respectively; and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) ADJUSTMENT FOR FEDERAL WORK-STUDY STUDENTS.--The living allowance that may be provided to an individual whose term of service includes hours for which the individual receives Federal Work-Study wages shall be reduced by the amount of the individual’s Federal Work-Study award.”; and

(2) in subsection (h), by striking “a third, or subsequent, term” and inserting “more than two terms”.

WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS REGARDING MATCHING FUNDS AND USE OF ASSISTANCE

SEC. 149. Subtitle C is amended by adding at the end the following:

“WAIVER OF MATCH REQUIREMENTS AND RULES ON USE OF FUNDS

“SEC. 142. The Corporation may, upon a determination of the Chief Executive Officer that such action furthers the purposes of the national service laws, waive, or specify alternative requirements for, the matching fund requirements under sections 121(e) and 140 and rules on the use of assistance applicable to programs funded under this subtitle, except for the requirements under section 171, sections 173 through 175, section 177, section 180, and sections 183 through 184, which may not be waived.”.

SUBTITLE D--AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE D (NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST AND PROVISION OF NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS)

1 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST

2 SEC. 151. Section 145 (42 U.S.C. 12601) is amended--

3 (1) in subsection (a)(1)--

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”; and

5 (B) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C) national service scholarships; and

7 “(D) administrative expenses necessary to ensure effective management of
8 the Trust;”;

9 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “for payments of national service educational
10 awards in accordance with section 148.” and inserting “for--

11 “(1) payments of national service educational awards in accordance with section
12 148;

13 “(2) payments of interest in accordance with section 148(e);

14 “(3) the federal share of national service scholarships in accordance with section
15 149; and

16 “(4) the necessary cost of administering the disbursement of funds under this
17 subtitle.”; and

18 (3) in subsection (d)--

19 (A) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “and”;

20 (B) in paragraph (4)--

21 (i) by striking “approved national service positions” and inserting

1 “AmeriCorps national service positions”; and

2 (ii) by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(5) identify the number of students who have been designated as national service
5 scholars and specify the amount of federal and matching funds expended on an annual basis on
6 the national service scholar program; and

7 “(6) specify the amount expended on administrative costs during the preceding
8 fiscal year.”.

9 INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL
10 AWARD FROM THE TRUST
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12 SEC. 152. Section 146 (42 U.S.C. 12602) is amended--

13 (1) in subsection (a)--

14 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “if the individual”
15 and inserting “if the organization responsible for supervision certifies that the individual”;

16 (B) by striking paragraphs (1), (2), and (3); and inserting the following:

17 “(1) met the applicable eligibility requirements for the position; and

18 “(2) (A) successfully completed the required term of service described in
19 subsection (b) in an AmeriCorps national service position; or

20 “(B)(i) satisfactorily performed prior to being granted a release for
21 compelling personal circumstances under section 139(c) and

22 “(ii) served at least 15 percent of the required term of service
23 described in subsection (b); and”; and

(C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3);
(2) in subsection (b), by striking “approved national service position” and
inserting “AmeriCorps national service position”;
(3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(c) LIMITATION ON RECEIPT OF EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.--An individual may
receive no more than the aggregate value of two full-time national service educational awards.”;
and

(4) in subsection (d)(2)(B), by striking “approved national service position” and
inserting “AmeriCorps national service position”.

DISBURSEMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS; TAX
TREATMENT

SEC. 153. Sec. 148 (42 U.S.C. 12604) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)--

(A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and”;

(B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) to pay expenses incurred in enrolling in an educational institution or training
establishment that meets the requirements of chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code (38
U.S.C. 3451); and”;

(2) in subsection (b)(7)--

(A) subparagraph (A), by striking “and”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

2 (C) by adding the following:

3 “(C) any loan--

4 “(i) made directly to a student by an eligible lender, as defined by

5 Section 435 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1085); and

6 “(ii) used to attend an institution of higher education; and

7 “(D) any loan--

8 “(i) made directly to a student; and

9 “(ii) determined by an institution of higher education to be

10 necessary to cover a student's cost of attendance at the institution.”;

11 (3) in subsection (c)--

12 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “approved national service positions” and

13 inserting “AmeriCorps national service positions”; and

14 (B) by striking paragraph (6);

15 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “subsection (b)(6)” and inserting “subsection

16 (b)(7)”;

17 (5) in subsection (f), by striking “Director” and inserting “Chief Executive

18 Officer”; and

19 (6) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(h) TREATMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AWARD AS EDUCATIONAL

21 ASSISTANCE.--For purposes of section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.

127), payments under section 148 of subtitle D shall be considered educational assistance.”.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

SEC. 154. Subtitle D is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 149. NATIONAL SERVICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

“(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.--The Corporation may use amounts in the Trust to support a National Service Scholars Program to recognize high school juniors and seniors who are engaged in outstanding community service.

“(b) APPROVED USE OF SCHOLARSHIPS.--The Corporation may use amounts in the Trust to supplement locally-funded scholarships to help cover an individual's postsecondary education or job training costs.

“(c) CORPORATION SHARE.--The Corporation’s share of an individual’s scholarship under this program may not exceed \$500.”.

SUBTITLE E--AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE E (NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS)

PURPOSE

SEC. 161. Section 151 (42 U.S.C. 12611) is amended--

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “provide a basis for determining”;

(2) in paragraph (1)--

(A) by striking “whether” and inserting “use”; and

(B) by striking “can significantly increase” and inserting “to increase”;

(3) in paragraph (2), by striking “whether such programs can”;

(4) in paragraph (3)--

(A) by striking “whether” and inserting “provide an opportunity for”;

(B) by striking “can provide” and inserting “to provide”; and

(C) by striking “and”;

(5) in paragraph (4)--

(A) by striking “whether” and inserting “offer”;

(B) by striking “can serve as a substitute for the traditional option” and inserting “as an alternative to the traditional option”; and

(C) by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) meet national and community needs related to natural and other disasters in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other public and private organizations.”.

MINIMUM AGE

SEC. 162. Section 153(b) (42 U.S.C. 12613(b)) is amended--

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “at least 16” and inserting “at least 18”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2)(A) has received a high school diploma or its equivalent; or

“(B)(i) has not dropped out of an elementary or secondary school to enroll in the program; and

“(ii) agrees to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent.”.

TEAM LEADERS

SEC. 163. Section 155 (42 U.S.C. 12615) is amended by inserting after subsection (b)(3) the following:

“(4) Team Leaders.--The Director may select individuals with prior supervisory or service experience to be Team Leaders in the National Civilian Community Corps to perform service that includes leading and supervising teams of Corps Members. Team Leaders shall--

“(A) be selected without regard to the age limitation under section 153(b)(1);

“(B) be members of the National Civilian Community Corps; and

“(C) be provided the rights and benefits applicable to Corps Members, except that the limitation on the amount of living allowance under section 158(b) shall not apply.”.

CONSULTATION WITH STATE COMMISSIONS

SEC. 164. Sec. 157 (42 U.S.C. 12617) is amended--

(1) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “State Commissions,” before “and persons involved in other youth service programs.”; and

(2) in subsection (c), inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

“(3) Environmental Projects and Disaster Assistance.--The Director shall place appropriate emphasis on projects addressing the environment and in support of disaster relief efforts.”.

AUTHORIZED BENEFITS FOR CORPS MEMBERS

SEC. 165. Section 158 (42 U.S.C. 12618) is amended--

(1) by striking subsections (e) and (g); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (e).

PERMANENT CADRE

SEC. 166. Section 159(c) (42 U.S.C. 12619(c)) is amended--

(1) in paragraph (2)--

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "The Director shall establish a permanent cadre of" and inserting "the Chief Executive Officer shall establish a permanent cadre that includes the Director and other appointed supervisors and training instructors"; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "The Director shall appoint the members" and inserting "The Chief Executive Officer shall consider the recommendations of the Director in appointing the other members"; and

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking "the Director" and inserting "the Chief Executive Officer"; and

(2) in the first sentence of paragraph (3), by striking "the members" and inserting "other members".

ADVISORY BOARD

SEC. 167. Section 163 (42 U.S.C. 12623) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting "the Chief Executive Officer and" before "the Director"; and

(2) in subsection (b)--

(A) in paragraph (8), by inserting “nonprofit organizations,” before
“industry, youth, and labor unions.”; and

(B) in paragraph (9), by striking “Chief Executive Officer” and inserting
“Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency”.

SUBTITLE F--AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE F (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS)

PROHIBITIONS ON USE OF ASSISTANCE

SEC. 171. Subtitle F is amended by striking section 174 (42 U.S.C. 12634) and inserting
the following:

“SEC. 174. [42 U.S.C. 12634] PROHIBITIONS ON USE OF ASSISTANCE

“(a) POLITICAL ACTIVITY.--Assistance under this title shall not be used--

“(1) to promote or deter union organizing or related activities;

“(2) to finance, directly or indirectly, any activity designed to influence the
outcome of an election to public office or other ballot measure;

“(3) to engage in voter registration or other activities relating to voting, other than
ensuring that program participants have an opportunity to register and to vote;

“(4) for the purpose of influencing legislation, as defined in section 4911 of the
Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 4911).

“(b) RELIGIOUS PROSELYTIZATION.--Assistance under this title shall not be used to
provide religious instruction, conduct worship services, engage in any form of religious
proselytization, provide a material benefit to facilities that are devoted to religious instruction or

worship.

“(c) NONDUPLICATION.--Assistance under this title shall not be used to duplicate an activity otherwise available in the same community.

“(d) NONDISPLACEMENT.--Assistance under this title shall not be used to--

“(1) displace or supplant an employee or an employee’s duties or position;

“(2) reduce an employee’s hours, wages, or employment benefits;

“(3) infringe on an employee’s promotional opportunities;

“(4) duplicate activities that would otherwise be performed by an employee as part of the assigned duties of any employee;

“(5) supplant services, duties, or activities with respect to which an individual has recall rights pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or applicable personnel procedures;

“(6) support services or duties that have been performed by or were assigned to any--

“(A) presently employed worker;

“(B) employee who recently resigned or was discharged;

“(C) employee who is subject to a reduction in force or has recall rights pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or applicable personnel procedures;

“(D) employee who is on leave (terminal, temporary, vacation, emergency, or sick); or

“(E) employee who is on strike or who is being locked out.

“(e) EXISTING CONTRACTS.--Assistance under this title shall not be used to impair

existing contracts for service or collective bargaining agreements.

“(f) BENEFICIARIES.--

“(1) In General.--Assistance under this title shall not be used to provide a primary and direct benefit to any--

“(A) business organized for profit, except as provided in paragraph (2);

“(B) labor union;

“(C) partisan political organization;

“(D) organization engaged in religious activities, unless such service does not involve the use of assistance to--

“(i) give religious instruction;

“(ii) conduct worship services;

“(iii) provide instruction as part of a program that includes mandatory religious education or worship;

“(iv) construct or operate facilities devoted to religious instruction or worship or to maintain facilities primarily or inherently devoted to religious instruction or worship; or

“(v) engage in religious proselytization; or

“(E) nonprofit organization, if a substantial part of the organization's activities consist of influencing legislation, as defined in section 4911 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 4911).

“(2) Regional Corporation.--The prohibition in paragraph (1) regarding benefits to

businesses organized for profit shall not apply with respect to a Regional Corporation, as defined in section 3(g) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602(g)), that is established in accordance with such Act as a for-profit corporation but that is engaging in nonprofit activities.

“(g) STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.--Programs that receive assistance under this title shall establish and stringently enforce standards of conduct at the program site to promote proper moral and disciplinary conditions.

“(h) RULES AND REGULATIONS.--The Chief Executive Officer shall issue rules and regulations to provide for the enforcement of this section that shall include provisions for summary suspension of assistance for not more than 30 days, on an emergency basis, until notice and an opportunity to be heard can be provided.”.

NOTICE, HEARING, AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

SEC. 172. Section 176 (42 U.S.C. 12636) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)--

(A) in paragraph (1)--

(i) by striking “a contract or grant providing assistance” and inserting “an agreement providing assistance”;

(ii) by striking “related to the grant or contract” and inserting “related to the agreement”;

(iii) by striking “approved national service positions” and inserting “AmeriCorps national service positions”; and

(iv) by striking “any such grant or contract issued” and inserting
“any agreement made”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)--

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “of this title”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “applicable terms and
conditions of this title” and inserting “the applicable terms and conditions”;

(2) by striking subsections (b) and (f);

(3) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and (e) as subsections (b), (c), and (d),
respectively; and

(4) by inserting after subsection (d) (as redesignated by this section) the
following:

“(e) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.--

“(1) In general.--An organization that receives assistance under this title shall
establish and maintain procedures for the filing and adjudication of grievances from--

“(A) participants, including individuals applying for selection as
participants, regarding the terms and conditions of service or any adverse action taken against an
individual participant or applicant; and

“(B) labor organizations, and other affected individuals, regarding
compliance with subsection (a) or (b) of section 174.

“(2) Deadline for grievances.--Except for a grievance that alleges fraud or
criminal activity, a grievance shall be made not later than 90 days after the date of the alleged

1 occurrence of the event that is the subject of the grievance.

2 “(3) Hearing procedures.--Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B),
3 the Chief Executive Officer shall prescribe procedures for hearings other than those conducted
4 under subsection (f)(5).

5 “(A) Hearing.--A hearing on any grievance conducted under this
6 subsection shall be conducted not later than 30 days after the filing of such grievance.

7 “(B) Decision.--A decision on any such grievance shall be made not later
8 than 60 days after the filing of such grievance.

9 “(4) Arbitration for grievances regarding duplication or displacement.--

10 “(A) In general.--

11 “(i) Jointly selected arbitrator.--In the event of a decision on a
12 grievance under subsection (f)(1)(B) that is adverse to the party who filed such grievance, or 60
13 days after the filing of such grievance if no decision has been reached, such party shall be
14 permitted to submit such grievance to binding arbitration before a qualified arbitrator who is
15 jointly selected and independent of the interested parties.

16 “(ii) Appointed arbitrator.--If the parties cannot agree on an
17 arbitrator, the Chief Executive Officer shall appoint one.

18 “(B) Deadline for proceeding.--An arbitration proceeding shall be held not
19 later than 45 days after the request for such arbitration proceeding, or, if the arbitrator is
20 appointed by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with subparagraph (A)(ii), not later than
21 30 days after the appointment of such arbitrator.

“(C) Deadline for decision.--A decision concerning a grievance shall be made not later than 30 days after the date such arbitration proceeding begins.

“(D) Cost.--

“(i) In general.--Except as provided in clause (ii), the cost of an arbitration proceeding shall be divided evenly between the parties to the arbitration.

“(ii) Exception.--If a labor organization or other affected individual prevails under a binding arbitration proceeding, the organization receiving assistance under this title that is a party to such grievance shall pay the total cost of such proceeding and the attorneys' fees of such labor organization or other affected individual, as the case may be.

“(5) Proposed placement.--If a grievance is filed regarding a proposed placement of a participant that receives assistance under this title, such placement shall not be made unless the placement is consistent with the resolution of the grievance pursuant to this subsection.

“(6) Remedies.--Remedies for a grievance filed under this subsection include--

“(A) selection or reinstatement of the individual applicant or participant, as the case may be, with commensurate provision of benefits under sections 140 and 141;

“(B) prohibition of the placement described in paragraph (5); and

“(C) in a case in which the grievance involves a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of section 174 and the employer of the displaced employee is the recipient of assistance under this title--

“(i) reinstatement of the displaced employee to the position held by such employee prior to displacement;

“(ii) payment of lost wages and benefits of the displaced employee;

“(iii) reestablishment of other relevant terms, conditions, and

privileges of employment of the displaced employee; and

“(iv) such equitable relief as is necessary to correct any violation of

subsection (a) or (b) of section 174 or to make the displaced employee whole.

“(7) Enforcement of arbitration awards.--Suits to enforce arbitration

awards under paragraph (4) may be brought in any district court of the United States having

jurisdiction of the parties, without regard to the amount in controversy and without regard to the

citizenship of the parties.”.

TREATMENT OF BENEFITS

SEC. 173. Subtitle F is amended by striking section 177 (42 U.S.C. 12637) and

inserting the following:

“SEC. 177. [42 U.S.C. 12637] TREATMENT OF BENEFITS.--Section 142(b) of the Job Training Partnership Act shall apply to the projects conducted under this title as if such projects were conducted under the Job Training Partnership Act, except that benefits received under this title shall not affect an individual’s eligibility for benefits under titles II, XVI, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act.”.

AGREEMENTS WITH STATES

SEC. 174. Section 178 (42 U.S.C. 12638) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “approved national service positions” and

inserting “AmeriCorps national service positions”;

(2) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “, unless the State permits the representative to serve as a voting member of the State Commission or alternative administrative entity”;

(3) in subsection (d)(6)(A), by striking “discussion or decision regarding the provision of assistance or approved national service positions” and inserting “discussion or decision regarding the provision of assistance or AmeriCorps national service positions”;

(4) in subsection (e)(8), by striking “approved national service positions” and inserting “AmeriCorps national service positions”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(k) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO SERVICE COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS WITH STATES.--

“(1) In general.--(A) Consistent with the provisions of subparagraph (B), the Chief Executive Officer may, after determining that such action furthers the purposes of the national service laws, enter into a Service Collaboration Agreement with a Governor to improve the delivery of national service programs in a State.

“(B) If primary responsibility for the State supervision of public elementary and secondary schools is vested under State law in another agency or official, the Service Collaboration Agreement must include that agency or official.

“(2) Purpose and Characteristics of Service Collaboration Agreements.--

“(A) The purpose of Service Collaboration Agreements is to improve the coordinated planning and administration of national service programs in a State.

“(B) Agreements shall identify impediments to efficient administration and operation of national service programs in the State and include measures, including waivers

1 or delegations under paragraphs (3) and (4), to improve the ability of programs to address unmet
2 community needs in the State.

3 “(C) The Chief Executive Officer may determine the form and duration of
4 Agreements under this section, except that the duration of an Agreement may not exceed three
5 years.

6 “(3) Waiver authority.--(A) Except as provided under subparagraph (B), the Chief
7 Executive Officer may waive, or specify alternative requirements for, requirements of the
8 national service laws if the Chief Executive Officer determines that such action furthers the
9 purposes of those laws.

10 “(B) The Chief Executive Officer may not waive requirements under
11 sections 145 through 149, section 171, sections 173 through 175, section 177, section 180, and
12 sections 183 through 184.

13 “(4) Delegation authority.--(A) The Chief Executive Officer may, after
14 determining that such action furthers the purposes of the national service laws, delegate to a
15 Governor the authority to carry out functions that are otherwise reserved to the Corporation in
16 connection with the administration of programs established under the national service laws that
17 operate in the Governor’s State.

18 “(B) The Chief Executive Officer may suspend or revoke for any reason a
19 delegation made under this subsection.”.

20 SUBTITLE G--AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE G (CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND
21 COMMUNITY SERVICE)
22

PEER REVIEWERS

SEC. 181. Section 193A (42 U.S.C. 12651d) is amended--

(1) in subsection (b)--

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "approved national service positions" each place it appears and inserting "AmeriCorps national service positions";

(B) in paragraph (9), by striking the semi-colon and inserting "; and"; and

(C) by striking paragraph (10); and

(D) by redesignating paragraph (11) as paragraph (10);

(2) in subsection (c)--

(A) by redesignating paragraph (10) as paragraph (11); and

(B) inserting after paragraph (9) the following:

"(10) obtain the opinions of peer reviewers in evaluating applications to the Corporation for assistance under this title; and";

(3) by striking subsection (f); and

(4) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (f).

OFFICERS

SEC. 182. Section 194 (42 U.S.C. 12651e) is amended by striking subsection (d).

PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

SEC. 183. Section 195 (42 U.S.C. 12651f) is amended--

(1) in subsection (c)(3), by inserting "nonvoting" before "member" both places it appears;

(2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (f) and (g),
respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

“(e) PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS.--The Chief Executive Officer may enter
into personal service contracts to carry out the Corporation's responsibilities under the national
service laws.”.

VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

SEC. 184. Subtitle G is amended by inserting after section 195 the following:

“SEC. 195A. VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

“(a) DEFINITION.--The term ‘employee’ means an employee (as defined by section
2105 of title 5, United States Code) who--

“(1) is employed by the Corporation;

“(2) is serving under an appointment without time limitation;

“(3) has been currently employed for a continuous period of at least three years;

“(4) has completed twenty years of service cumulatively in the Federal
government and is 50 years of age or older; and

“(5) does not fall within any of the following categories--

“(A) a reemployed annuitant under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84
of title 5, United States Code, or another retirement system for employees of the agency;

“(B) an employee having a disability on the basis of which such employee is
or would be eligible for disability retirement under the applicable retirement system referred to in

1 subparagraph (A);

2 “(C) an employee who is in receipt of a specific notice of involuntary
3 separation for misconduct or unacceptable performance;

4 “(D) an employee who, upon completing an additional period of service as
5 referred to in section 3(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994 (5 U.S.C.
6 5597 note), would qualify for a voluntary separation incentive payment under section 3 of such
7 Act;

8 “(E) an employee who has previously received any voluntary separation
9 incentive payment by the Federal Government under this section or any other authority and has
10 not repaid such payment;

11 “(F) an employee covered by statutory reemployment rights who is on transfer
12 to another organization; or

13 “(G) any employee who, during the twenty-four month period preceding the
14 date of separation, has received a recruitment or relocation bonus under section 5753 of title 5,
15 United States Code, or who, within the twelve months preceding the date of separation, received
16 a retention allowance under section 5754 of title 5, United States Code.

17 “(b) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE
18 PAYMENTS.--

19 “(1) In General--The Corporation may provide a voluntary separation incentive
20 payment to an employee if the Chief Executive Officer determines that the payment will assist
21 the Corporation in administering the national service laws in a more cost-effective and efficient

1 manner.

2 “(2) Amount and Treatment of Payments--A voluntary separation incentive
3 payment--

4 “(A) shall be paid in a lump sum after the employee’s separation;

5 “(B) shall be paid from appropriations or funds available for the payment
6 of the basic pay of the employee;

7 “(C) shall be equal to the lesser of--

8 “(i) an amount equal to the amount the employee would be entitled
9 to receive under section 5595(c) of title 5, United States Code; or

10 “(ii) an amount determined by the Chief Executive Officer not to
11 exceed \$25,000;

12 “(D) shall not be a basis for payment, and shall not be included in the
13 computation, of any other type of Government benefit; and

14 “(E) shall not be taken into account in determining the amount of any
15 severance pay to which the employee may be entitled under section 5595 of title 5, United States
16 Code, based on any other separation.

17 “(c) ADDITIONAL AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RETIREMENT FUND.--

18 “(1) In General.--In addition to any other payments which it is required to make
19 under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, the Corporation shall remit to
20 the Office of Personnel Management for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit
21 of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund an amount equal to 15 percent of the final

1 basic pay of each employee of the Corporation who is covered under subchapter III of chapter 83
2 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to whom a voluntary separation incentive has been
3 paid under this section.

4 “(2) Definition.--For the purpose of paragraph (1), the term ‘Final basic pay’, with
5 respect to an employee, means the total amount of basic pay which would be payable for a year
6 of service by such employee, computed using the employee’s final rate of basic pay, and, if last
7 serving on other than a full-time basis, with appropriate adjustment therefor.

8 “(d) EFFECT OF SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT.--An
9 individual who has received a voluntary separation incentive payment from the Corporation
10 under this section and accepts any employment for compensation with the Government of the
11 United States, or who works for any agency of the United States Government through a personal
12 services contract, within five years after the date of the separation on which the payment is based
13 shall be required to pay to the Corporation, prior to the individual’s first day of employment, the
14 entire amount of the incentive payment.

15 “(e) REDUCTION IN CORPORATION EMPLOYMENT LEVELS.--The total number
16 of funded employee positions in the Corporation shall be reduced by one-half position for each
17 vacancy created by the separation of any employee who has received, or is due to receive, a
18 voluntary separation incentive payment under this section. For purposes of this section, positions
19 and vacancies shall be counted on a full-time-equivalent basis.”.

20 SUBTITLE H--AMENDMENT TO TITLE III (POINTS OF LIGHT FOUNDATION)

21 POINTS OF LIGHT FOUNDATION

1 SEC. 301. Section 303 (42 U.S.C. 12662) is amended--

2 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

4 “(b) CORPORATION'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AS EX OFFICIO MEMBER
5 OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.--The Corporation's Chief Executive Officer may serve as an ex
6 officio, nonvoting member of the Foundation's Board of Directors.”.

7 SUBTITLE I--AMENDMENTS TO TITLE V (AUTHORIZATION OF
8 APPROPRIATIONS)

9
10 AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

11 SEC. 501. Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 12681) is amended--

12 (1) in subsection (a)--

13 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “, \$45,000,000 for fiscal year 1994
14 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1995 through 1996” and inserting
15 “\$53,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
16 1999 through 2002”;

17 (B) in paragraph (1)(B)--

18 (i) in clause (i) by striking “63.75” and inserting “50”;

19 (ii) in clause (ii)--

20 (I) by striking “11.25” and inserting “10”; and

21 (II) by striking “and”;

22 (iii) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (iv); and

1 (iv) by adding after clause (ii) the following:

2 “(iii) not more than 15 percent shall be available to provide
3 financial assistance under subpart E of part I of such subtitle; and”;

4 (C) in paragraph (2)(A)--

5 (i) by striking “provide national service educational awards” and
6 inserting “administer the National Service Trust and disburse national service educational awards
7 and scholarships”; and

8 (ii) by striking “\$300,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, \$500,000,000
9 for fiscal year 1995, and \$700,000,000 for fiscal year 1996” and inserting “\$432,500,000 for
10 fiscal year 1998 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1999 through 2002”;

11 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “such sums as may be necessary for each
12 of the fiscal years 1995 through 1996” and inserting “\$26,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and such
13 sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002”; and

14 (E) in paragraph (4), by striking “(A) In General.--” and all that follows
15 and inserting the following: “There are authorized to be appropriated for the administration of
16 this Act \$29,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and such sums as are necessary for each of the fiscal
17 years 1999 through 2002”;

18 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “\$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1994
19 through 1996” and inserting “\$6,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and such sums as are necessary for
20 each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002”; and

21 (3) by striking subsection (d).

TITLE II--AMENDMENTS TO THE DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973

REFERENCES

SEC. 601. Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a provision of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.).

SUBTITLE A--AMENDMENTS TO TITLE I (NATIONAL VOLUNTEER ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAMS)

PURPOSE OF THE VISTA PROGRAM

SEC. 611. Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 4951) is amended--

(1) in its second sentence, by striking "afflicted with" and inserting "affected by";

and

(2) in its third sentence, by inserting after "local level," the following: "to support efforts by local agencies and organizations to achieve long-term sustainability of VISTA activities,".

AUTHORITY TO OPERATE VISTA PROGRAM

SEC. 612. Section 102 (42 U.S.C. 4952) is amended by striking "one of the Assistant Directors appointed pursuant to section 194(d)(1)(A) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990. Such Director" and inserting "the Director, who".

ASSISTANCE IN POST-SERVICE TRANSITION

SEC. 613. Section 103(d) (42 U.S.C. 4953(d)) is amended by striking "each low-income community volunteer" and all that follows and inserting "each volunteer with information and

support in making the transition to other educational and career opportunities.”.

COST-SHARING

SEC. 614. Section 103 (42 U.S.C. 4953) is amended by inserting after subsection (h) the following:

“(i) The Director is encouraged to enter into agreements under which public and private organizations pay for all, or a portion of, the direct cost of supporting volunteers serving under this part.”.

LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF TERMS OF SERVICE

SEC. 615. Section 103 (42 U.S.C. 4953) is amended by inserting after subsection (i) the following:

“(j) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (2), volunteers serving under this part may be reenrolled for periods of service in a manner to be determined by the Director.

“(1) No volunteer, other than as provided in subsection (2), may serve for more than a total of 3 years in national service positions funded under this part.

“(2) Any volunteer serving on October 1, 1997, who has served for more than 3 years as of that date, may serve up to a total of five years in national service positions funded under this part.”.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

SEC. 616. Section 104(d) (42 U.S.C. 4954(d)) is amended by striking “The Director shall establish” and all that follows and inserting the following:

“(1) The Director shall establish a procedure, including notice and opportunity to

1 be heard, for volunteers and individuals applying to be volunteers under this part to present and
2 obtain resolution of grievances regarding the terms and conditions of service or any adverse
3 action taken against an individual volunteer or individual applicant.

4 “(2) A grievance shall be made not later than 90 days after the date of the alleged
5 occurrence of the event that is the subject of the grievance.

6 “(3) Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Chief Executive
7 Officer shall prescribe procedures for hearings in connection with individual grievances.

8 “(A) A hearing on any grievance shall be conducted not later than 30 days
9 after the filing of such grievance.

10 “(B) A decision on any such grievance shall be made not later than 60
11 days after the filing of such grievance.

12 “(4) Remedies for a grievance include selection or reinstatement of the individual
13 applicant or volunteer, as the case may be, with commensurate support service provided under
14 section 105.

15 “(5) The Director shall promptly provide to each volunteer in service on the date
16 of enactment of this Act, and to each such volunteer beginning service thereafter, information
17 regarding such procedure and the terms and conditions of their service.”.

18 COMPETITION REQUIREMENT FOR GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

19 SEC. 617. Section 108 (42 U.S.C. 4958) is amended by striking “(a) Of funds
20 appropriated” and all that follows through “(b)”.

21 REPEAL OF VISTA LITERACY CORPS

1 SEC. 618. Section 109 (42 U.S.C. 4959) is repealed.

2 EMPHASIS ON MERIT SELECTION OF PROJECTS

3 SEC. 619. Section 110 (42 U.S.C. 4960) is amended--

4 (1) by striking the first sentence;

5 (2) by inserting after "basis of merit" the following "and achievement of
6 sustainability"; and

7 (3) by striking ", and shall consider the needs and requirements of projects in
8 existence on such date as well as potential new projects".

9 REPEAL OF SPECIAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

10 SEC. 620. Part C of title I is repealed.

11 SUBTITLE B--AMENDMENTS TO TITLE II (NATIONAL SENIOR VOLUNTEER CORPS)

12 CHANGE IN NAME; PURPOSE

13 SEC. 631. Section 200 (42 U.S.C. 5000) is amended--

14 (1) in the heading, by striking "National Senior Volunteer Corps" and inserting
15 "National Senior Service Corps"; and

16 (2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "the purpose of" and all that
17 follows through "older individuals through volunteer service" and inserting the following: "the
18 purpose of this title to provide--

19 "(1) opportunities for senior service to meet unmet local, State, and national needs
20 in the areas of education, public safety, health and human needs, and the environment;

21 "(2) for the National Senior Service Corps, comprised of the Retired and Senior

1 Volunteer Program, the Foster Grandparent Program, and the Senior Companion Program, and
2 demonstration and other programs, to empower older individuals to contribute to their
3 communities through volunteer service, enhance the lives of the volunteers and those whom they
4 serve, and provide communities with valuable services;

5 “(3) opportunities for people 55 years of age or older, through the Retired and
6 Senior Volunteer Program, to share their experiences, abilities, and skills for the betterment of
7 their communities and themselves;

8 “(4) opportunities for people 55 years of age or older, through the Foster
9 Grandparents Program, to impact the lives of children in need;

10 “(5) opportunities for people 55 years of age or older, through the Senior
11 Companion Program, to provide critical support services and companionship to adults at risk of
12 institutionalization and who are struggling to maintain a dignified independent life; and

13 “(6) for demonstration and other programs to enable seniors to meet unmet needs
14 in their communities.”.

15 GRANTS AND CONTRACTS FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECTS

16 SEC. 632. Section 201 (42 U.S.C. 5001) is amended--

17 (1) in subsection (a)--

18 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “in their
19 community” and inserting “to address community needs”;

20 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “will not be reimbursed for other than”
21 and inserting “may be reimbursed for”;

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively; and

(D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) volunteers making a substantial commitment of time may receive incentives, including monetary incentives, to assist in defraying the costs associated with volunteering.”;

(2) by striking subsection (c); and

(3) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c).

AGE-RELATED ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT

SEC. 633. Sec. 211(a) (42 U.S.C. 5011(a)) is amended in the first sentence, by striking “aged sixty or over” and inserting “55 years of age or older (with individuals 60 years of age or older given priority for enrollment)”.

AGREEMENT ON SERVICES

SEC. 634. Sec. 211(b) (42 U.S.C. 5011(b)) is amended--

(1) in paragraph (1)--

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “shall have the exclusive authority to determine pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection--” and inserting “may determine--”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”;

(C) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(D) by adding after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) whether it is in the best interests of a mentally retarded child

1 receiving, and of a particular foster grandparent providing, services in such a project, to continue
 2 such relationship after the child reaches the chronological age of 21, if such child was receiving
 3 such services prior to attaining the chronological age of 21.”;

4 (2) by striking paragraph (2);

5 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);

6 (4) in paragraph (2) (as redesignated by this section), by striking “paragraphs (1)
 7 and (2)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”; and

8 (5) by adding after paragraph (2) (as redesignated by this section) the following:

9 “(3) If an assignment of a foster grandparent is suspended or discontinued, the
 10 replacement of that foster grandparent shall be determined through the mutual agreement of all
 11 parties involved in the provision of services to the child.”.

12 DEFINITION OF LOW-INCOME PERSONS

13 SEC. 635. Section 211(e) (42 U.S.C. 5011(e)(1)) is amended in paragraph (1) by striking
 14 “125 per centum” and inserting “150 percent”.

15 PARTICIPATION REGARDLESS OF INCOME

16 SEC. 636. Section 211(f) (42 U.S.C. 5011(f)) is amended--

17 (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

18 “(1) Subject to the restrictions in subparagraphs (2) through (4), individuals who
 19 are not low-income persons may serve as volunteers under this part.”;

20 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

21 “(2) An individual who is not a low-income person may not become a volunteer

1 under this part if allowing such individual to become a volunteer under this part would prevent a
2 low-income individual from becoming a volunteer under this part or would displace a low-
3 income person from being such a volunteer.”; and

4 (3) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

5 “(4) No more than 10 percent of funds appropriated to carry out this part may be
6 used to pay any cost, including any administrative cost, incurred in connection with volunteers
7 under this part who are not low-income.”.

8 FOSTER GRANDPARENT LEADERS

9 SEC. 637. Section 211 (42 U.S.C. 5011) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(g) The Director may also support Foster Grandparent Leaders who, on the basis of past
11 experience as volunteers, special skills, and demonstrated leadership abilities, may coordinate
12 activities, including training, and otherwise support the service of volunteers under this part.”.

13 AGE-RELATED ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT

14 SEC. 638. Section 213(a) (42 U.S.C. 5013(a) is amended by striking “aged 60 or over”
15 and inserting “55 years of age or older (with individuals 60 years of age or older given priority
16 for enrollment)”.

17 SENIOR COMPANION LEADERS

18 SEC. 639. Section 213(c)(2) (42 U.S.C. 5011) is amended--

19 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking the third sentence;

20 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C); and

21 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) The Director may also support Senior Companion Leaders who, on the basis of past experience as volunteers, special skills, and demonstrated leadership abilities, may coordinate activities, including training, and otherwise support the service of volunteers under this part.”.

PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

SEC. 640. Section 225 (42 U.S.C. 5025) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)--

(A) in paragraph (1)--

(i) by striking “subsection (d) in each fiscal year” and inserting “parts A, B, and C after operation of paragraph (2)”; and

(ii) by striking the period and inserting “, as determined by the Director, and that propose to expand existing programs or have not previously received funds under this title.”; and

(B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3);

(2) by striking subsections (b), (c), and (d)(1);

(3) by redesignating subsection (d)(2) as subsection (a)(2); and

(4) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (b).

SUBTITLE C--AMENDMENTS TO TITLE IV (ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION)

NOTICE AND HEARING PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SEC. 651. Section 412 (42 U.S.C. 5054) is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b)

1 and inserting the following--

2 “The Director is authorized, in accordance with the provisions of this section, to
3 suspend further payments or to terminate payments under any agreement providing assistance
4 under this Act, whenever the Director determines there is a material failure to comply with the
5 applicable terms and conditions of any such agreement. The Director shall prescribe procedures
6 to ensure that

7 “(1) assistance under this Act shall not be suspended for failure to comply
8 with applicable terms and conditions, except in emergency situations for no more than thirty
9 days; and

10 “(2) assistance under this Act shall not be terminated for failure to comply
11 with applicable terms and conditions unless the recipient has been given reasonable notice and
12 opportunity for a full and fair hearing.”.

13 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

14 SEC. 652. Section 415(b) (42 U.S.C. 5055(b)) is amended--

15 (1) by striking “terminated, and (5) be deemed employees” and inserting
16 “terminated, (5) be deemed employees”; and

17 (2) by striking “pay for such purposes).” and inserting “pay for such purposes)
18 and (6) be deemed employees of the United States for the purposes of subchapter V of chapter 63
19 of title 5 (29 U.S.C. 6381).”.

20 SUBTITLE D--AMENDMENTS TO TITLE V (AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS)

21 AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR VISTA PROGRAM

SEC. 671. Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 5081) is amended--

(1) in the heading, by striking "PROGRAMS" and inserting "PROGRAM";

(2) in subsection (a)--

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "parts A and B of title I, excluding section 109" and all that follows and inserting "parts A and B of title I \$54,000,000 in fiscal year 1998 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002."; and

(B) by striking paragraphs (2) through (5);

(3) by striking subsections (b), (c), and (e); and

(4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (b).

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE
CORPS

SEC. 672. Section 502 (42 U.S.C. 5082) is amended--

(1) in its heading by striking "National Senior Volunteer Corps" and inserting "National Senior Service Corps";

(2) in subsection (a), by striking "\$45,000,000" and all that follows and inserting "\$45,043,000 for fiscal year 1998 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.";

(3) in subsection (b), by striking "\$85,000,000" and all that follows and inserting "\$85,972,000 for fiscal year 1998 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.";

(4) in subsection (c), by striking "\$40,000,000" and all that follows and inserting "\$35,449,000 for fiscal year 1998 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years

1 1999 through 2002.”; and

2 (5) in subsection (d), by striking “such sums as may be necessary for each of the
3 fiscal years 1994 through 1996” and inserting “\$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and such sums
4 as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002”.

5 ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION

6 SEC. 673. Section 504 (42 U.S.C. 5084) is amended by striking “(a) In General” and all
7 that follows through “prescribed in section 416” and inserting “For each of the fiscal years 1998
8 through 2002 there are authorized to be appropriated for the administration of this Act as
9 provided for in title IV, \$29,836,000 for fiscal year 1998 and such sums as may be necessary for
10 each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002.”.

11 EVALUATION

12 SEC. 674. Title V is amended--

13 (1) by redesignating section 505 as section 506; and

14 (2) by inserting after section 504 the following:

15 “EVALUATION

16 “SEC. 505. (a) EVALUATION.--There are authorized to be appropriated for the
17 purpose of supporting the evaluation activities prescribed in section 416 such sums as may be
18 necessary for each of the fiscal years 1998 through 2002.

19 “(b) AUTHORIZATION IF NO APPROPRIATIONS EARMARKED FOR
20 EVALUATION.--For any of the fiscal years 1998 through 2002 in which amounts are not
21 appropriated under section 505(a), the Director is authorized to expend no more than 2 ½ percent

1 of the amount appropriated under sections 501, 502, and 504 for the purposes prescribed in
2 section 416.”.

TITLE III--TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

SUBTITLE A--TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL AND
COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990

REFERENCES

SEC. 701. Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this subtitle an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.).

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TABLE OF CONTENTS

SEC. 702. Section 1(b) (42 U.S.C. 12591 note) is amended--

(1) by striking "Subtitle B--School-Based and Community-Based Service-Learning Programs" and inserting "Subtitle B--Learn and Serve America";

(2) by striking "Part I--Serve-America Programs" and inserting "Part I--Elementary and Secondary Education";

(3) by inserting after "Sec. 118. Service-learning clearinghouse." the following:

"SUBPART D--INDIAN TRIBES AND U.S. TERRITORIES

"Sec. 118A. Allotment.

"SUBPART E--MULTI-STATE, DEMONSTRATION, AND
OTHER INITIATIVES"

"Sec. 118B. Definitions.

"Sec. 118C. Grants to support multi-State, demonstration, and other initiatives.";

(4) by striking “Part II--Higher Education Innovative Programs for
Community Service” and inserting “Part II--Higher Education”;

(5) by striking “approved national service positions” each place it appears
and inserting “AmeriCorps national service positions”;

(6) by striking section 132 and redesignating section 133 as section 132;

(7) by inserting after “Sec. 148. Disbursement of national service
educational awards.” the following: “Sec. 149. National Service Scholars Program.”;

(8) by striking “Subtitle E--Civilian Community Corps” and inserting
“Subtitle E--National Civilian Community Corps”;

(9) by striking “Sec. 152. Establishment of Civilian Community Corps
Demonstration Program.” and inserting “Sec. 152. Establishment of National Civilian
Community Corps Program.”;

(10) by striking “Sec. 155. Civilian Community Corps.” and inserting
“Sec. 155. National Civilian Community Corps.”;

(11) by striking “Sec. 174. Prohibition on use of funds.” and inserting
“Sec. 174. Prohibitions on use of assistance.”; and

(12) by striking “Sec. 177. Nonduplication and nondisplacement.” and
inserting “Sec. 177. Treatment of Benefits.”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE B

SEC. 703. Subtitle B is amended--

(1) in the heading for subtitle B, by striking “School-Based and Community-

1 Based Service-Learning Programs” and inserting “Learn and Serve America”:

2 (2) in the heading for part I, by striking “Serve-America Programs” and inserting
3 “Elementary and Secondary Education”;

4 (3) in the heading for Part II , by striking “INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS FOR
5 COMMUNITY SERVICE”;

6 (4) in section 115 (42 U.S.C. 12527)--

7 (A) in subsection (a)--

8 (i) by striking “under subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d)” and inserting
9 “under subsection (a), (b), or (c)”; and

10 (ii) by striking “, Indian tribe or grantmaking entity”; and

11 (B) by striking subsection (b);

12 (C) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b); and

13 (D) in subsection (b) (as redesignated by this section), by striking
14 “112(b)(2)” and inserting “112(a)(2)”;

15 (5) in section 115A (42 U.S.C. 12528)--

16 (A) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1)--

17 (i) by striking “in the State or Indian tribe or in the school district
18 of the local educational agency”; and

19 (ii) by striking “such State, Indian tribe, or agency” and inserting
20 “a recipient of assistance under this subpart”; and

21 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “State, Indian tribe, or local educational

1 agency” each place it appears and inserting “recipient of assistance under this subpart”;

2 (6) in section 116B (42 U.S.C. 12531), by striking paragraph (1) and
3 redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively;

4 (7) in section 117 (42 U.S.C. 12541), by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating
5 paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);

6 (8) in section 117B(c) (42 U.S.C. 12543(c)), by striking “section 117C(d)” and
7 inserting “section 117C(b)”;

8 (9) in section 117C (42 U.S.C. 12544)--

9 (A) by striking subsection (a) and (b);

10 (B) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and (e) as subsections (a), (b),
11 and (c), respectively;

12 (C) in subsection (a) (as redesignated by this section)--

13 (i) in the heading, by striking “or grantmaking entity”;

14 (ii) in the first sentence--

15 (I) by striking “or grantmaking entity under section
16 117(A)(b)(1)” and inserting “under section 117(A)(c)(1)” ; and

17 (II) by striking “or entity”; and

18 (iii) in the second sentence, by striking “or entity”;

19 (D) in subsection (b) (as redesignated by this section)--

20 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “or (b)”;

21 (ii) in paragraph (1)--

(I) by striking “section 177” and inserting “section 174”;

and

(II) by striking “section 176(f)” and inserting “section

176(e); and

(iii) in paragraph (3), by striking “section 117A(b)(1)” and

inserting “section 117A(c)(1)”;

(E) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by this section), by striking the

period and inserting “or is already receiving financial assistance from the Corporation.”;

(10) in section 117D (42 U.S.C. 12545)--

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “or under subsection (a) or (b) of section

117C”; and

(B) in subsection (c)--

(i) by striking “or grantmaking entity”;

(ii) by striking “section 117C(c)” and inserting “section 117C(a)”;

and

(iii) by striking “section 117A(b)(1)” and inserting “section

117A(c)(1)”;

(11) in section 117F (42 U.S.C. 12547)--

(A) in subsection (a)--

(i) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “,

grantmaking entity, or qualified organization that is the original recipient of a grant under section

1 117A” and inserting “under section 117A”; and

2 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “original recipient” and inserting
3 “State Commission”; and

4 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking “original recipient” and inserting
5 “State Commission”.

6 TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE C

7 SEC. 704. Subtitle C is amended--

8 (1) in section 121--

9 (A) in the heading, by striking “approved” and inserting
10 “AMERICORPS”; and

11 (B) in subsection (a)(2)(B), by striking “approved” and inserting
12 “AmeriCorps”;

13 (2) in section 122 (42 U.S.C. 12572)--

14 (A) in subsection (a)--

15 (i) by striking “and each Federal agency receiving assistance
16 under section 121(b)”; and

17 (ii) in paragraph (9), by striking “between the ages of 16 and 24”
18 and inserting “between the ages of 16 and 25”; and

19 (B) in subsection (c), by striking “subsection (b) or (d) of”;

20 (3) in section 123 (42 U.S.C. 12573)--

21 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “approved” and

1 inserting "AmeriCorps";

2 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking "subsection (a) or (b) of section 121" and
3 inserting "section 121(a)"; and

4 (C) by inserting "National" before "Civilian Community Corps";

5 (4) in section 129 (42 U.S.C. 12581)--

6 (A) in the heading, by striking "APPROVED" and inserting
7 "AMERICORPS";

8 (B) in subsection (c)(4)(C)(i) (as redesignated by section 143)--

9 (i) in subclause (I), by striking "the programs specified in section
10 193A(d)(10)" and inserting "national service programs"; and

11 (ii) in subclause (II), by striking "approved" and inserting
12 "AmeriCorps";

13 (C) in subsection (d) (as redesignated by section 143), by striking
14 "approved" and inserting "AmeriCorps";

15 (D) in subsection (e) (as redesignated by section 143), by striking
16 "approved" and inserting "AmeriCorps"; and

17 (E) in subsection (f) (as redesignated by section 143), by striking
18 "approved" each place it appears and inserting "AmeriCorps";

19 (5) in section 130 (42 U.S.C. 12582)--

20 (A) in the heading, by striking "APPROVED" and inserting
21 "AMERICORPS";

(B) in subsection (a)--

(i) by striking “approved” and inserting “AmeriCorps”; and

(ii) by striking “to be carried out using the assistance” and all that follows through “or Federal agency” and inserting “, an applicant”;

(C) by striking subsections (b) and (c);

(D) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) as subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e), respectively;

(E) in subsection (b) (as redesignated by this section)--

(i) in the heading, by striking “APPROVED” and inserting “AMERICORPS”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “approved” and inserting “AmeriCorps”;

(F) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by this section)--

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “approved” and inserting “AmeriCorps”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “approved” and inserting “AmeriCorps”;

(G) in subsection (d)(2)(b) (as redesignated by this section), by striking “approved” and inserting “AmeriCorps”; and

(H) in subsection (e) (as redesignated by this section), striking the period and inserting “or is already receiving financial assistance from the Corporation.”;

1 (6) in section 131 (42 U.S.C. 12583)--

2 (A) in subsection (a)(2)--

3 (i) by striking “section 177” and inserting “section 174”; and

4 (ii) by striking “section 176(f)” and inserting “section 176(e)”; and

5 (B) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “section 177” and inserting “section
6 174”;

7 (7) by striking section 132 (42 U.S.C. 12584);

8 (8) in section 133 (42 U.S.C. 12585)--

9 (A) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “approved national service positions”
10 and inserting “AmeriCorps national service positions”;

11 (B) in subsection (b)--

12 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “approved national service
13 position” and inserting “AmeriCorps national service position”; and

14 (ii) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “jobs or”;

15 (C) in subsection (d)--

16 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraphs (A) and (G), and
17 redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (F) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively; and

18 (ii) by striking paragraph (4); and

19 (D) in subsection (e), by striking “approved” and inserting “AmeriCorps”;

20 (9) in section 137 (42 U.S.C. 12591)--

21 (A) in subsection (a)--

(i) by striking paragraph (3); and;

(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively;

(B) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “an out-of-school youth” before “between the ages of 16 and 25”; and

(C) in subsection (c), by striking “subsection (a)(5)” and inserting “subsection (a)(4)”;

(10) in section 138 (42 U.S.C. 12592), by striking “approved” each place it appears and inserting “AmeriCorps”;

(11) in section 139 (42 U.S.C. 12593)--

(i) by striking “approved” each place it appears and inserting “AmeriCorps”; and

(ii) in subsection (a), by striking “perform full- or part-time national service for at least one term of service” and inserting “complete a full- or part-time term of service”; and

(12) in section 141 (42 U.S.C. 12595), by striking “approved national service position” each place it appears and inserting “AmeriCorps national service position”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE D

SEC. 705. Subtitle D is amended in section 147 (42 U.S.C. 12603)--

(1) by striking “approved national service position” each place it appears and inserting “AmeriCorps national service position”; and

(2) in subsection (a), by striking “, for each of not more than 2 of such terms of service,”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE E

SEC. 706. Subtitle E is amended--

(1) by striking “Civilian Community Corps” each place it appears and inserting “National Civilian Community Corps”;

(2) by striking “superintendent” each place it appears and inserting “director”;

(3) by striking “camp” each place it appears and inserting “campus”;

(4) by striking “camps” each place it appears and inserting “campuses”;

(5) by striking “Demonstration Program” each place it appears and inserting “Program”;

(6) in section 153(c) (42 U.S.C. 12613(c), by striking “Backgrounds” and inserting “Backgrounds”;

(7) in section 162(a) (42 U.S.C. 12622(a)--

(A) in paragraph (1)(B)(i), by striking “section 4462 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993” and inserting “section 1143a of title 10, United States Code”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “to be recommended for appointment” and inserting “from which individuals may be selected for appointment”; and

(8) in section 166 (42 U.S.C. 12626)--

(A) by striking paragraph (9);

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (8) as paragraphs (3) through (9); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) Campus director.--The term ‘campus director’, with respect to a Corps campus, means the head of the campus under section 155(d).”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE F

SEC. 707. Subtitle F is amended--

(1) in section 172(a)(3)(A) (42 U.S.C. 12632(a)(3)(A)) by striking “section 177” and inserting “section 174”;

(2) in section 175 (42 U.S.C. 12635)--

(A) in subsection (b), by striking “title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.),”; and

(B) in subsection (c)--

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “In general.--Except as provided in paragraph (2), an individual” and inserting “An individual”; and

(ii) by striking paragraph (2);

(3) in section 178(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 12638(a)(1)), by striking “B or”;

(4) in section 179 (42 U.S.C. 12639)--

(A) in subsection (a)--

(i) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(ii) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting after paragraph (1) the

1 following:

2 “(2) the relationship between the amount of living allowance provided to
3 participants in programs under subtitle C of this subtitle and the ability of the programs to recruit
4 and retain participants, including economically disadvantaged participants;

5 “(3) the number of participants who do not complete their term of service for the
6 following reasons:

7 “(A) educational opportunities;

8 “(B) career advancement; or

9 “(C) military or other public service positions.”;

10 (B) in subsection (g)--

11 (i) in paragraph (3), by striking “National Senior Volunteer
12 Corps” and inserting “National Senior Service Corps”; and

13 (ii) in paragraph (9), by striking “to public service” and all that
14 follows, and inserting “to engage in service that benefits the community.”; and

15 (5) in section 181, by striking “Section 414” and inserting “Section 422”.

16 TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE G

17 SEC. 708. Subtitle G is amended in section 192A (42 U.S.C. 12651)--

18 (1) in subsection (g)--

19 (A) in paragraph (9), by striking “Corporation;” and inserting
20 “Corporation; and”;

21 (B) in paragraph (10), by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking paragraph (11); and

(2) in subsection (j), by striking “benefiting” and inserting “benefitting”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE H

SEC. 709. Subtitle H is amended--

(1) in section 198(e) (42 U.S.C. 12653(e)), by striking “IMPROVE ABILITY TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE” and inserting “TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE”;

and

(2) in section 198C(f)(2)(D) (42 U.S.C. 12653C(f)(2)(D))--

(A) by striking “section 177” and inserting “section 174”; and

(B) by striking “section 176(f)” and inserting “section 176(e)”.

SUBTITLE B--TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973

REFERENCES

SEC. 721. Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this subtitle an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.).

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TABLE OF CONTENTS

SEC. 722. Section 1(b) is amended--

(1) by striking “Sec. 109. VISTA Literacy Corps.”;

(2) by striking “Part B--University Year for VISTA” and all that follows through “Sec. 125. Literacy challenge grants.”;

(3) by striking “National Senior Volunteer Corps” each place it appears and inserting “National Senior Service Corps”;

(4) by striking “Sec. 505. Availability of appropriations.” and inserting “Sec. 506. Availability of appropriations.”; and

(5) by inserting after “Sec. 504. Administration and coordination.” the following: “Sec. 505. Evaluation.”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TITLE I (NATIONAL VOLUNTEER
ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAMS)

SEC. 723. Title I is amended--

(1) in section 103 (42 U.S.C. 4953)--

(A) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking “National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993” and inserting “National and Community Service Act of 1990”; and

(B) in subsection (c)(1)(F), by striking “National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993” and inserting “National and Community Service Act of 1990”; and

(2) in section 105(a)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 4955(a)(1)(B)), in the first sentence, by striking “not exceed \$95 per month in fiscal year 1994, but shall” and “, during the service of the volunteer after October 1, 1994”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TITLE II (NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS)

SEC. 724. Title II is amended--

(1) in section 223 (42 U.S.C. 5023) by striking “sixty years and” and inserting “55 years of age or”;

(2) in section 224 (42 U.S.C. 5024), by striking “National Senior Volunteer Corps” and inserting “National Senior Service Corps”;

(3) in section 211(a) (42 U.S.C. 5011(a)), in the fourth sentence, by striking “per centum” and inserting “percent”; and

(4) in section 211(e) (42 U.S.C. 5011(e)(1)), in paragraph (2), by striking “per centum” and inserting “percent”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TITLE IV (ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION)

SEC. 725. Title IV is amended--

(1) in section 416(g) (42 U.S.C. 5056(g)), in the first sentence, by striking “per centum” and inserting “percent”;

(2) in section 421 (42 U.S.C. 5060)--

(A) in paragraph (13), by striking “National Senior Volunteer Corps” and inserting “National Senior Service Corps”; and

(B) in paragraph (14), by striking “National Senior Volunteer Corps” and inserting “National Senior Service Corps”; and

(3) in section 425 (42 U.S.C. 5065), by striking “National Senior Volunteer Corps” and inserting “National Senior Service Corps”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TITLE V (AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS)

SEC. 726. Title V is amended in section 501 (42 U.S.C. 5081) by striking “Authorizations.--(1) Volunteers in Service to america” and inserting “Authorization for Volunteers in Service to America”.

TITLE IV--AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

SEC. 801. (a) FORBEARANCE IN THE COLLECTION OF FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS.--

Section 464(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087dd(e)) is amended--

(1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(2) by inserting immediately after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) The borrower is serving in a national service position for which the borrower receives a national service educational award under the National and Community Service Act of 1990.”.

(b) STATUTORY REFERENCE.--Section 428 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078) is amended in subsection (c)(3)(A)(i)(III) by striking “National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993” and inserting “National and Community Service Act of 1990”.

PUBLIC LANDS CORPS

SEC. 802. Section 105 of Public Law 103-82 (16 U.S.C. 1701-1706) is amended--

(1) in section 209 (16 U.S.C. 1728), by striking “section 177” and inserting “section 174”; and

(2) in section 210 (16 U.S.C. 1729)--

(A) in the heading, by striking “FUNDING” and inserting “COST-SHARING”;

(B) by striking “(a) Cost Sharing.--”;

1 (C) by striking subsection (b); and

2 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subsections (a) and (b).

3 URBAN YOUTH CORPS

4 SEC. 803. Section 106 of Public Law 103-82 (42 U.S.C. 12656) is amended--

5 (1) in subsection (h), by striking "section 177" and inserting "section 174"; and

6 (2) in subsection (i), by striking paragraph (3).

TITLE V--EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 901. The amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment or October 1, 1997, whichever is later.

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SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 1997 (Corresponds to 6/23/97 4:46 p.m. Draft)

**TITLE I - AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT
OF 1990**

Sec. 101. Section 101 provides that references in title I are to the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et. seq.) (NCSA).

SUBTITLE A - AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE A (GENERAL PROVISIONS)

Sec. 111. Section 111 adds a reference to service-learning to the Act's statement of purposes.

Sec. 112. Section 112 amends or adds definitions of terms used in the Act.

**SUBTITLE B - AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE B (SCHOOL-BASED AND
COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS)**

Sec. 121. Section 121 identifies the State educational agency as the primary vehicle to receive school-based assistance but provides that States may apply through a State Commission instead. Section 121 also authorizes assistance to be used for training and technical assistance.

Sec. 122. Section 122 streamlines applications for school-based service-learning programs by removing authority for entities other than States (and U.S. Territories and Indian Tribes, which may apply separately under section 130) to apply for school-based assistance.

Sec. 123. Section 123 provides for school-based assistance to States, after allocation for Territories and Tribes, to be made 70 percent on a formula basis and 30 percent on a competitive basis and assures each State of at least \$100,000 per year in formula school-based assistance.

Sec. 124. Section 124 requires States to select school-based subgrantees on a competitive basis.

Sec. 125. Section 125 provides that school-based grantees may use up to 25 percent of assistance to support capacity-building.

Sec. 126. Section 126 identifies the State Commission as the primary vehicle to receive community-based assistance but provides that States may apply through a State educational agency instead. Section 126 also streamlines applications for community-based service-learning programs by removing authority for entities other than States (and U.S. Territories and Indian Tribes, which may apply separately under section 130) to apply for community-based assistance.

Sec. 127. Section 127 provides that Subtitle B funds may be used to support clearinghouse activities and authorizes the Corporation to provide this assistance through entities other than public or private nonprofit organizations.

Sec. 128. Section 128 reserves three percent of school-based and community-based funds for U.S. Territories and Indian Tribes.

Sec. 129. Section 129 provides authority to support multi-State, demonstration, and other activities to grantmaking entities, institutions of higher education, subdivisions of States, and other qualified organizations to improve or expand service-learning programs.

Sec. 131. Section 131 incorporates service-learning into the purposes of higher education assistance and provides that State Commissions and State agencies for higher education may apply along with institutions of higher education.

SUBTITLE C - AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE C (NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST PROGRAM)

Sec. 141. Section 141 prohibits operational assistance to Federal agencies. Section 141 also provides for limits on the Corporation's share of average budgeted costs per participant serving in an AmeriCorps national service position.

Sec. 142. Section 142 provides for training and technical assistance for all programs receiving assistance or an allotment of AmeriCorps positions under the national service laws.

Sec. 143. Section 142 provides that each State may receive a minimum of \$200,000 per year to support the operation of its State Commission, reduces matching fund requirements related to the costs of operating a State Commission, and removes authority to provide challenge grants.

Sec. 144. Section 143 increases over three years the percentage of Subtitle C funds allocated to States on a formula basis to 70 percent, with the remaining 30 percent

of State funds provided on a competitive basis, and assures States of a minimum formula allotment of \$500,000. Section 143 also provides that funds to increase the participation of disabled persons may be used in connection with any national service program. Section 143 also provides that training and technical assistance may be provided to any national service program. Section 143 also reserves up to \$15 million to provide limited operational assistance to programs reducing Corporation costs per participant and provides the Corporation with authority to waive requirements in connection with programs reducing Corporation costs per participant.

Sec. 145. Section 144 provides for the consideration of a grant applicant's ability to generate volunteers.

Sec 146. Section 145 provides that participants selected and trained by the Corporation to serve in leadership capacities may be considered Federal employees for purposes of the Federal Employees Compensation Act and the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Sec. 147. Section 146 clarifies the required process for a participant to receive a pro-rated educational award.

Sec. 148. Section 147 provides for adjustments to the living allowance provided to AmeriCorps participants in Subtitle C programs.

Sec. 149. Section 148 provides the Corporation with authority to waive specified matching fund requirements and restrictions on uses of funds.

SUBTITLE D – AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE D (NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST AND PROVISION OF NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS)

Sec. 151. Section 151 provides that funds in the National Service Trust may be used to support national service scholarships and to pay for the cost of administering the Trust.

Sec. 152. Section 152 provides the Corporation with authority to set a minimum age other than 17 for eligibility for the national service educational award, clarifies requirements for a participant to receive a pro-rated educational award, and provides that an individual may receive no more than the aggregate value of two educational awards.

Sec. 153. Section 153 provides that the educational award may be used to pay for attendance at educational institutions that meet the requirements of the GI Bill and to repay specified student loans. Section 153 also provides that the educational award is considered educational assistance under section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Sec. 154. Section 154 authorizes funds in the National Service Trust to be used to support a national service scholarship program.

SUBTITLE E - AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE E (NATIONAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS)

Sec. 161. Section 161 provides for the inclusion of disaster relief in the statement of purpose and reflects that the NCCC is no longer a demonstration program.

Sec. 162. Section 162 provides for an increase in the minimum age for Corps members from 16 to 18 years.

Sec. 163. Section 163 provides for the use of Corps members with prior supervisory experience as Team Leaders.

Sec. 164. Section 164 provides for consultation by the NCCC with State Commissions in the development of project proposals and emphasizes projects addressing the environment and disaster relief efforts.

Sec. 165. Section 165 provides that the educational award constitutes the only authorized form of post-service benefits to NCCC Corps Members.

Sec. 166. Section 166 provides for the Chief Executive Officer to appoint members of the NCCC's permanent cadre.

Sec. 167. Section 167 provides for the NCCC advisory board to include the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and a representative from the nonprofit community, and to report to both the Chief Executive Officer and the NCCC Director.

SUBTITLE F - AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE F (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS)

Sec. 171. Section 171 provides for restrictions on the use of assistance.

Sec. 172. Section 172 provides for separate grievance procedures for individuals concerning their terms of service and for labor organizations and others concerning displacement.

Sec. 173. Section 173 provides that benefits received by national service participants will not affect an individual's eligibility for Social Security Retirement,

Survivors, and Disability Insurance; Supplemental Security Income; Medicare; and Medicaid.

Sec. 174. Section 174 provides for agreements with Governors to improve the delivery of national service programs in a State, with the Corporation given authority to waive specific requirements and to delegate to Governors specific functions.

SUBTITLE G - AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE G (CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE)

Sec. 181. Section 181 provides for the use of peer reviewers in evaluating applications for assistance under title I of the Act.

Sec. 182. Section 182 removes staffing specifications at the Assistant Director level.

Sec. 183. Section 183 authorizes the Corporation to utilize personal service contracts.

Sec. 184. Section 184 authorizes the Corporation to provide voluntary separation incentive payments to long-time employees, with a reduction in one-half position for each resulting vacancy.

SUBTITLE H - AMENDMENTS TO TITLE III (POINTS OF LIGHT FOUNDATION)

Sec. 301. Section 301 authorizes the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer to serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the Points of Light Foundation.

SUBTITLE I - AMENDMENTS TO TITLE V (AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS)

Sec. 501. Section 501 extends authorization through the year 2002 for all NCSA programs and allocates funds for various purposes.

TITLE II - AMENDMENTS TO THE DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973

Sec. 601. Section 601 provides that references in title I are to the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (DVSA) (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.).

SUBTITLE A - AMENDMENTS TO TITLE I (NATIONAL VOLUNTEER ANTI- POVERTY PROGRAMS)

Sec. 611. Section 611 provides for the VISTA statement of purpose to include the long-term sustainability of assisted organizations.

Sec. 612. Section 612 removes a staffing specification at the Assistant Director level.

Sec. 613. Section 613 provides for VISTA participants to receive information and support in making a post-service transition.

Sec. 614. Section 614 encourages the use of cost-sharing agreements.

Sec. 615. Section 615 limits VISTA participants to three years of service.

Sec. 616. Section 616 provides for a modified grievance procedure for participants.

Sec. 617. Section 617 increases the Corporation's authority to make grants and contracts on a competitive basis.

Sec. 618. Section 618 repeals authority for VISTA Literacy Corps.

Sec. 619. Section 619 provides for selection of projects on the basis of merit and sustainability.

Sec. 620. Section 620 repeals authority for Special Volunteer Programs.

SUBTITLE B - AMENDMENTS TO TITLE II (NATIONAL SENIOR VOLUNTEER CORPS)

Sec. 631. Section 631 provides for programs supported under title II to be called "National Senior Service Corps" and adds an emphasis on community needs to the statement of purpose.

Sec. 632. Section 632 authorizes incentives to Retired and Senior Volunteer Program participants to help defray the costs of volunteering. Section 632 also eliminates review of Corporation funding decisions by State agencies on aging.

Sec. 633. Section 633 reduces the minimum age for Foster Grandparent participants from 60 to 55.

Sec. 634. Section 634 clarifies the role of Foster Grandparents in determining appropriate services for beneficiaries and provides for replacement of Foster Grandparents.

Sec. 635. Section 635 provides for an increase from 125 to 150 percent of the poverty line in determining whether individuals are considered “low-income” for purposes of the Foster Grandparent program.

Sec. 636. Section 636 provides for increased flexibility for persons who are not “low-income” to participate in the Foster Grandparent program.

Sec. 637. Section 637 provides for the participation of Foster Grandparents with leadership abilities to coordinate and otherwise support other Foster Grandparents.

Sec. 638. Section 638 reduces the minimum age for Senior Companion participants from 60 to 55.

Sec. 639. Section 639 provides for the participation of Senior Companions with leadership abilities to coordinate and otherwise support other Senior Companions.

Sec. 640. Section 640 provides additional flexibility for the Corporation to support the expansion of existing programs and the funding of new programs to address needs of national significance.

SUBTITLE C - AMENDMENTS TO TITLE IV (ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION)

Sec. 651. Section 651 streamlines the appeal process for organizations receiving assistance from the Corporation.

Sec. 652. Section 652 provides family and medical leave benefits for VISTA participants.

SUBTITLE D - AMENDMENTS TO TITLE V (AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS)

Section 661. Section 661 extends authorization of funding through the year 2002 for VISTA programs and allocates funds for various purposes.

Section 662. Section 662 extends authorization of funding through the year 2002 for the Senior Corps programs.

Section 663. Section 663 provides authorization of funding to support the Corporation's administration of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act.

Section 664. Section 664 provides authorization of funding to support the Corporation's evaluation of DVSA programs.

TITLE III - TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Sections 701 - 726. Sections 701 through 726 provide for technical and conforming amendments to various provisions of the NCSA and DVSA.

TITLE IV - AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS

Section 801. Section 801 provides for participants in AmeriCorps national service positions to be eligible for mandatory forbearance in connection with Federal Perkins loans during their terms of service.

Sections 801-802. Sections 801 and 802 provide for conforming amendments to authority for the Public Lands Corps and the Urban Youth Corps.

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F. Ameri Corps
Reauthorization

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRUCE REED *BR*
CC: Steve Silverman
SUBJECT: Harris Wofford Memos

Harris Wofford has written you two memos. The first recommends that you make reauthorization of AmeriCorps a high priority. The second recommends that you reinstate President Bush's "Daily Points of Light" awards. A discussion of each memo, along with my recommendations, follows.

I. Recommendation on Harris's Reauthorization Memo

Harris Wofford wrote you on October 3 urging that we make reauthorization of AmeriCorps a high priority. He argues that we should send the Corporation's reauthorization proposal to the Hill before adjournment this year, with the goal of getting AmeriCorps reauthorized by the first anniversary of the Presidents' service summit next April. AmeriCorps has never been reauthorized and is now operating without any authorization. Harris argues that we must seek to establish firmly AmeriCorps' existence, preferably beyond the end of your term, and that this is the best time to do it.

The Corporation has made strides, particularly since the service summit, in getting Congress to support or at least not attack AmeriCorps. This year, for the first time, Congress did not launch an effort to eliminate the core AmeriCorps programs during the appropriations process, and it appears we will secure funding at last year's levels plus an increment for America Reads, although a smaller one than we requested.

We recommend that we launch the reauthorization in a high-profile way as Harris requests, but wait until the final phase of this year's appropriations battle is complete. The VA-HUD appropriations bill that is coming to you for signature includes funding for core AmeriCorps programs as well as \$25 million for America Reads. However, we are still fighting to get more funds for AmeriCorps' portion of America Reads as part of the Labor-HHS appropriations bill, and we believe it would be prudent to wait until this is resolved. It is possible that Labor-HHS will not be settled until just before recess, which would frustrate Harris's goal of sending this proposal to the Hill prior to adjournment. Nevertheless it would be prudent to wait.

One option is to launch the reauthorization in a radio address right before Thanksgiving, which would come just before Powell's summit update on November 25.

II. Recommendation on Harris's Points of Light Memo

Harris Wofford has written to urge that you resume former President Bush's "Daily Points of Light" awards. He proposes to rename the awards the "Presidents' Points of Light," with you and President Bush as co-sponsors. Rather than having the White House take responsibility for selecting and vetting the winners on a daily basis, as was the case under President Bush, Harris proposes that the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service take on this responsibility. The Knights of Columbus have agreed to fund the costs of this program for one year.

One factor complicating the decision is that Harris has had extensive conversations with the Points of Light Foundation and with President Bush himself on this proposal. Apparently Harris has made it clear that he favors this idea and that the decision rests with the White House. Harris indicates that President Bush will be deeply disappointed if we decide not to resume the awards.

One other timing issue is that you are scheduled to attend the dedication of President Bush's library on November 6. If we decide to reinstate this program, that event would be an opportunity to announce it, especially given the former President's attachment to the Points of Light program.

Arguments For:

- Reinstating the awards is an easy way to keep the issue of service and volunteerism before the public on a daily basis. It would continue to repair the rift between the AmeriCorps concept of service and the more traditional volunteer sector, just as the Philadelphia summit did. Also, AmeriCorps members would be eligible for the awards.
- President Bush very much wants the Administration to do this. He will be very disappointed if we do not, and he will see it as the White House's decision because of Harris's conversations with him.

Arguments Against:

- The benefits of resuming the awards are minimal. Our efforts to reach out to the volunteer sector at the Philadelphia summit were so successful that it is not clear what this would add. In addition, some would react negatively to such a decision, since the original Points of Light program was derided by many as an empty gesture.
- Although theoretically we could assign responsibility for vetting the award winners to the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service, from a practical

standpoint we would probably still feel the need to do a legal and/or political check on award winners. The daily responsibility of selecting and vetting winners will be time-consuming for White House staff, and not worth the effort.

Options:

- #1 Resume the awards as Wofford proposes.
- #2 Decline to resume the awards.
- #3 Recommended Option: Reestablish these awards as the “Daily Points of Light” awards, rather than the “Presidents’ Daily Points of Light” awards, to be administered by the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation, with no formal connection to the President or the White House.

Harris believes that this plan would be acceptable to former President Bush as long as we do not appear to be distancing ourselves from the awards. To that end, he suggests we announce this at the dedication of the Bush library, and advise former President Bush in advance of our action. He also suggests that we invite a group of the first winners to the White House during National Volunteer Week in April, along with former President Bush, and that we use inclusive language in talking about the awards, such as “We join former President Bush in congratulating the winners.” Such actions seem like a reasonable compromise on this issue.

___ Option #1

___ Option #2

___ Option #3 (recommended)

___ Discuss

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/6 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10/7SUBJECT: Wofford memo on AmeriCorps Reauthorization

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McLARTY	☐	☐	NASH	☐	☐
PODESTA	☒	☐	RADD	☐	☐
MATHEWS	☒	☐	REED	☒	☐
RAINES	☒	☐	RUFF	☐	☐
BLUMENTHAL	☒	☐	SMITH	☐	☐
BERGER	☐	☐	SOSNIK	☒	☐
ECHAVESTE	☒	☐	SPERLING	☐	☐
EMANUEL	☒	☐	STREETT	☐	☒
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LEWIS	☒	☐	BEGALA	☒	☐
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REMARKS:

Please advise (note recommendations on last page)

RESPONSE:

Approved -
 Conf up filed yesterday
 (PK 2237)

October 3, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

From: Harris Wofford 
Subject: AmeriCorps and National Service -- What We've Done and Where We Need to Go

Two years have passed since you tapped me to lead the Corporation for National Service. It's time to report what we have achieved and to propose next steps. As you asked, we've worked hard to gain greater support for AmeriCorps, and these efforts have won new allies and reduced the political acrimony about the program. A sign of this progress is the action this week by the House-Senate conference committee on the VA-HUD appropriation. They restored the cut in AmeriCorps made by the House and increased last year's funding by \$25 million, the first increase in three years. Now we need to capitalize on this progress and make the reauthorization and strengthening of AmeriCorps and the Corporation's other two major programs -- the Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America -- a high Administration priority.

After you've had the chance to read this memorandum, I hope that we can spend a few minutes together to chart our future course, beginning soon with an all-out effort to persuade Congress to reauthorize the Corporation.

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Your charge to me was to build greater political support for AmeriCorps, strengthen AmeriCorps, and bring AmeriCorps into the mainstream of American life. That required developing real bipartisan support and establishing close working relationships with the great non-profit and service organizations of the country. We have made tremendous strides in these areas. Let me highlight our progress -- resisting the temptation to tell you everything we have done -- and then focus on the future.

The lack of controversy and rancor over funding of AmeriCorps in the soon-to-be-completed appropriations process shows AmeriCorps' greater acceptance. Through much work with Republican Members of Congress, we have made real inroads in demonstrating how AmeriCorps and the other key programs of the Corporation are a crucial part of a strategy to address the nation's educational and social challenges. As a result, support among Republicans inside and outside of Congress has expanded. Even among those who have not come all the way to supporting AmeriCorps, we have taken the edge off their opposition. They recognize that AmeriCorps will continue and that hundreds -- indeed thousands -- of organizations around the country approve. The loud

foes of AmeriCorps have been significantly marginalized. Moreover, we are on the road to important breakthroughs that will bring AmeriCorps and the Corporation to a new level of true bipartisan and nonpartisan support. While AmeriCorps is continually winning new allies, we have also built strong new bases of support for the Corporation through our work with students and seniors. With your good help, we are in the forefront of a growing effort to make service-learning an integral part of American education at all levels, and to make citizen service a reality for Americans of all ages and backgrounds.

In building support for AmeriCorps, I have been especially cultivating the so-called "Compassionate Conservatives" and those in the civic renewal movement. Though conservative, these leaders believe that government must find effective ways to help poor and disadvantaged citizens. As you know, these conservatives want churches, other faith-based institutions and non-profit organizations -- instead of the government -- to lead the effort to address our nation's problems. They want government to support these independent civic forces. Therein lies a great opportunity for AmeriCorps.

One story illustrates this. Earlier this year Rep. John Kasich visited the Rheedlin Center in New York, an AmeriCorps grantee that works in Harlem schools to create safe havens for children, tutor, and teach conflict resolution, among other activities. Kasich spent two hours there and was overwhelmingly impressed with what the director, Geoff Canada, and his team of more than fifty young people are accomplishing. Unaware that this is an AmeriCorps site, at the end of his visit Kasich said to Canada, "Dammit, this is exactly what AmeriCorps should be doing!" To which Canada replied, "Almost all the people you've seen here this morning are AmeriCorps members. This is AmeriCorps!" Based on this incident -- reported to me by both Geoff Canada and Kasich -- I have struck up a very constructive, continuing conversation with Kasich. He says he is rethinking his position on AmeriCorps and believes there is common ground for mutual support.

I've also developed a strong relationship with Dan Coats, a co-chair with Kasich of the Congressional civic renewal alliance. Coats will become President of Big Brothers/ Big Sisters when he retires from the Senate next year. As he has seen AmeriCorps provide key assistance to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, he has discovered that AmeriCorps can play a valuable and constructive role. At the Big Brothers/Big Sisters national board meeting, after I put the challenge to them for a major Summit commitment, Coats moved a resolution committing the organization to double its numbers and add service as an integral part of the young participants' experience.

A key part of our strategy to build support for AmeriCorps has been to reach out to and collaborate with mainstream non-profit organizations. The Presidents' Summit was -- and continues to be -- the largest of our opportunities to do this and it has already borne much fruit. Our national service networks are taking the lead in many of the state and local summits, and forging closer relationships with the many Governors and Mayors who are engaged in the post-Summit campaign to achieve the five Summit goals for youth. Through these efforts, the National Service State Commissions, our Corporation state offices, and AmeriCorps grantees have taken a leadership role in their communities

and states, and have established strong, new bonds with leading non-profits and private sector sponsors. The partnership that you and President Bush and General Powell showed in Philadelphia is being replicated in cities, counties and states across the country. And in one place after another, this partnership is working to the benefit of AmeriCorps and our other programs.

Other partnerships of great significance include the National Service Scholars Program for outstanding high school student volunteers, which you initiated in your commencement talk at Penn State in the spring of 1996. It has drawn enthusiastic support around the country and from such valuable national allies as the Kiwanis, Rotary International and Lions Clubs, the Miss America Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This past spring, we gave the first 1,700 high school service scholarships. Next year we plan to expand to at least 10,000 high schools, and then to all 25,000 high schools in the country. These service scholarships are also a potential feeder system for AmeriCorps recruiting.

Similarly, our "education award only" program, to which you gave a great boost at the Summit, has taken hold even more quickly than we expected. Under this approach, which we call the AmeriCorps Challenge Scholarship, the AmeriCorps member receives from the Corporation only the education award -- \$4,725 for a year of full-time service. Living allowances and other costs are borne almost entirely by the host non-profit organization or from other private sector sources. The response to your Summit call for 50,000 such national service awards by the year 2000, has been enthusiastic. After the latest round of grants, we expect to have more than 15,000 new AmeriCorps participants in this program this year. Our largest partners in this endeavor so far are the National Council of Churches and the Boys and Girls Clubs. As you know, Sen. Grassley, who had been one of our chief critics, is particularly supportive of these AmeriCorps Challenge Scholarships and is delighted by our progress.

The most important source of our growing public support is the work of the members themselves. Whether it is tutoring school children for "America Reads" or disaster assistance in flooded communities, the reality of our motto -- Getting Things Done -- is setting in. In City Year and Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross and Teach for America, our AmeriCorps members are proving their value. That's why Millard Fuller, the Founder-President of Habitat for Humanity (once an AmeriCorps skeptic), recently wrote the following to Speaker Gingrich:

"I am writing you to affirm and emphasize the importance and value of national service. It is through partnerships with AmeriCorps, VISTA and other national service programs that [we] maximize Habitat's resources and expand its productivity, while helping recruit, train and supervise volunteers of all ages. To date, approximately 470 AmeriCorps members and additional national service participants through Learn and Serve America and the

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) are serving in over 50 Habitat for Humanity affiliates. Again, national service is of great value in not only helping to eliminate sub-standard housing, but in transforming lives of participants in their various endeavors.”

Millard Fuller’s praise for AmeriCorps is typical of the response by growing numbers of organizations that have the benefit of AmeriCorps members.

When one puts together the overall reduction of political tensions, your resolve in insisting on continued support for AmeriCorps, and the increased understanding of AmeriCorps’ true potential for helping to solve seemingly intractable problems, it is clear that the prospects are good for establishing AmeriCorps as a non-partisan institution in which Americans take pride.

The Road From Here – Seeking Reauthorization for AmeriCorps

Now is the moment to capitalize on this progress. We must secure AmeriCorps’ future and expand the reach of national service by – first of all – getting Congress to reauthorize AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National Service. This will not be easy but if you make this a personal priority, I believe we can win the reauthorization that will assure that AmeriCorps lives long into the future.

The authorization for AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National Service expired last year. We are now operating under a de facto extension through annual appropriations. We have worked with the Office of Management and Budget to complete draft reauthorization legislation. In short, we need the reauthorization and the bill is ready to go.

Our case for reauthorization rests on three key points:

- (1) The Corporation and AmeriCorps are accomplishing the objectives set out in the original legislation;
- (2) We have listened to the critics and been responsive to their concerns; and
- (3) We have been creative in finding ways to extend the opportunities to serve and the rewards for service through innovations such as the AmeriCorps Challenge Scholarships and the high school service scholarship program.

In addition to generally reauthorizing our programs and instituting minor programmatic improvements, the highlights of the draft bill are:

- to devolve more authority and provide greater flexibility to States and local communities in implementing national service programs;
- to streamline the delivery system, further reducing costs and improving efficiency;
- to foster greater coordination among national and community service programs; and
- to modify and improve programs based on the experience developed over the last several years.

The bill also repeals various redundant or obsolete authorities, and makes a number of technical revisions to the existing statutes.

Getting a bill passed will be particularly difficult in the House where Rep. Goodling has jurisdiction and is not friendly to AmeriCorps. Still, our key supporters in Congress -- including Senators Jeffords and Kennedy and Representative Shays -- see a real opportunity for success. Each emphasizes that the outcome will depend in significant measure on the strength with which the Administration presses for reauthorization.

Proposing legislation inevitably carries some risk -- of failure or of damaging amendments. These considerations led us to not seek a reauthorization bill in 1996. But the climate is significantly more favorable at this point. In addition to counsel from our allies on the Hill, I have spoken with Bruce Reed, Al From and Eli Segal, among others. Acknowledging the difficulties and dangers, each agrees that we should be bold and confident in sending Congress a reauthorization bill and in asking for Congressional action. This approach also has the strong support of our Board of Directors.

Our success in this undertaking will depend in large part on the tone we strike and approach we take. The Corporation programs are clearly in the mainstream of the national movement to promote service, a movement to which you have contributed so much. They are in line with the national, state and local efforts to achieve the goals of the Presidents' Summit. AmeriCorps is a valuable addition to the American tradition of community and citizen action.

The timing of the reauthorization effort is also important. Given the election results, AmeriCorps successes and the positive consensus around the Summit, we may never have a better time to make reauthorization a top priority. Yet time is already short

for a reauthorization in this Congress. But if you make reauthorization a real priority and press forward with an aggressive campaign we can still succeed.

The strategy I propose has three phases in quick succession.

- First, you would launch reauthorization legislation before Congress adjourns this fall.
- Second, in the roughly three months (November, December and January) of Congressional inactivity we would press the case for reauthorization. We would ask Sen. Jeffords and others to conduct hearings on the bill during the lengthy recess. Our national partners in the national service movement will add their voices in support for reauthorization. In addition, we would propose one major Presidential event to demonstrate the case for reauthorization. We would also propose your involvement in making a major effort on the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - National Day of Service in January.
- Third, upon Congress's return early next year, we would press a Congressional strategy -- starting with a strong statement and request for reauthorization in the State of the Union address.

Our target is to win the reauthorization by the first anniversary of the Presidents' Summit in late April.

I look forward to discussing this with you in the near future and leave you with one thought. People say that getting a first reauthorization is like winning a first re-election: it is the hardest to accomplish but if you succeed you are well-established. I didn't succeed myself at this in the Senate; but I believe that with your strong support we can and will win reauthorization for AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National Service.