

11. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
MR. INSLEE OF WASHINGTON, OR HIS  
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2857, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. INSLEE OF WASHINGTON AND  
MR. SARBANES OF MARYLAND

Page 144, strike lines 15 through 19 and insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **Subtitle I—Energy Conservation**  
2 **Corps**

3 **SEC. 1811. GENERAL AUTHORITY.**

4 The Corporation for National and Community Serv-  
5 ice (in this subtitle referred to as the “Corporation”) shall  
6 make grants to States for the creation or expansion of  
7 full-time or part-time Energy Conservation Corps pro-  
8 grams. Notwithstanding provisions identified in this sub-  
9 title, the Corporation shall apply the provisions of subtitle  
10 C of this subchapter in making grants under this section  
11 as necessary.

12 **SEC. 1812. APPLICATION.**

13 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—To be eligible to receive a grant  
14 under this subtitle, a State shall invite applications from  
15 within the State to receive an Energy Conservation Corps  
16 grant.

17 (b) **PROCESS.**—The State shall then prepare and sub-  
18 mit a State application to the Corporation at such time,

1 in such manner, and containing such information as the  
2 Corporation may reasonably require. The Corporation  
3 shall consult with state and local Conservation Corps in  
4 the development of the application guidelines.

5 (c) DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.—To acknowledge the  
6 focused enrollment of disadvantaged youth and young  
7 adults in the Energy Conservation Corps, the Corporation  
8 shall—

9 (1) allow a higher cost-per-member to enable  
10 Energy Conservation Corps programs to provide the  
11 necessary supportive services to ensure the success  
12 of the participants; and

13 (2) allow for greater flexibility in retention  
14 rates.

15 (d) CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL CORPS.—The  
16 Corporation shall allow for equal consideration of residen-  
17 tial Corps program opportunities since residential Corps  
18 thrive in rural areas that commonly lack opportunities for  
19 young adults, enable the participation for emancipated  
20 foster youth, gang involved youth, and others lacking a  
21 safe and stable home environment, allow for more struc-  
22 tured time for work, training, education and counseling,  
23 and provide disaster response-ready crews immediately  
24 upon request.

1 (e) **EQUITABLE TREATMENT.**—In the consideration  
2 of applications, the Corporation shall ensure the equitable  
3 treatment of both urban and rural areas.

4 **SEC. 1813. FOCUS OF PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Programs that receive assistance  
6 under this subtitle may carry out activities that—

7 (1) meet an identifiable public need with spe-  
8 cific emphasis on projects in support of energy con-  
9 servation, infrastructure and transportation improve-  
10 ment, and emergency operations, including—

11 (A) improving the energy efficiency of  
12 housing for elderly and low-income people;

13 (B) building energy-efficient “green” hous-  
14 ing for elderly and low-income people;

15 (C) environmental education and energy  
16 conservation education for elementary and sec-  
17 ondary school students and the public;

18 (D) reusing and recycling including  
19 deconstruction;

20 (E) the repair, renovation, or rehabilitation  
21 of an existing infrastructure facility including,  
22 but not limited to, rail, mass transportation,  
23 ports, inland navigation, schools and hospitals;

24 (F) transportation enhancements;

1 (G) recreational trails improvements, in-  
2 cluding those that enable alternative means of  
3 transportation and ensure safe use;

4 (H) transformation of military bases af-  
5 fected by the Base Realignment and Closing  
6 process (BRAC) to green the space;

7 (I) tree planting and reforestation;

8 (J) renewable resource enhancement; and

9 (K) assisting in emergency operations,  
10 such as disaster prevention and relief; and

11 (2) provide opportunities for youth and young  
12 adults, especially disadvantaged youth, to be trained  
13 for careers related to the activities listed in para-  
14 graph (1), including those that will be part of the  
15 emerging field of "green collar" jobs.

16 (b) GOALS OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION  
17 CORPS.—The goals of the Energy Conservation Corps are  
18 to—

19 (1) promote clean energy use and preserve, pro-  
20 tect, and sustain the environment;

21 (2) provide young adults with opportunities to  
22 become better citizens, students and workers  
23 through meaningful service to their communities and  
24 the nation;

1           (3) mobilize youth and young adults, especially  
2           disadvantaged youth, to promote energy conservation  
3           and mitigate threats to the environment; and

4           (4) provide a pathway to responsible adulthood  
5           and productive, unsubsidized employment in the pri-  
6           vate sector.

7 **SEC. 1814. TRAINING AND EDUCATION SERVICES.**

8           All applicants must describe how they intend to—

9           (1) assess the skills of Corpsmembers;

10          (2) provide life skills and work skills training;

11          (3) provide training and education;

12          (4) develop agreements for academic study

13          with—

14                 (A) local education agencies;

15                 (B) community colleges;

16                 (C) 4-year colleges;

17                 (D) area charter high schools and voca-  
18                 tional-technical schools; and

19                 (E) community-based organizations;

20          (5) provide career and educational guidance;

21          and

22          (6) Recruit participants without high school di-  
23          plomas.

1 **SEC. 1815. PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.**

2 In the consideration of applications the Corporation  
3 shall give preference to programs that are discrete and—

4 (1) meet an identifiable public need;

5 (2) instill a work ethic and a sense of public  
6 service in the participants;

7 (3) involve youth operating in crews or a team-  
8 based structure; and

9 (4) enhance skills development and educational  
10 level and opportunities for the participants.

11 **SEC. 1816. PARTICIPANTS.**

12 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Age enrollment in programs that  
13 receive assistance under this subtitle shall be limited to  
14 individuals who, at the time of enrollment, are not less  
15 than 18 years nor more than 25 years of age, except that  
16 summer programs may include individuals not less than  
17 14 years or more than 21 years of age at the time of the  
18 enrollment of such individuals.

19 (b) **PARTICIPATION OF DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.**—  
20 Programs that receive assistance under this subtitle shall  
21 ensure that at least 50 percent of the participants are eco-  
22 nomically disadvantaged youth.

23 (c) **SPECIAL CORPSMEMBERS.**—Notwithstanding  
24 subsection (a) of this section, program agencies may enroll  
25 a limited number of special Corpsmembers over age 25

1 so that the Energy Conservation Corps may draw on their  
2 special skills to fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

3 **SEC. 1817. USE OF VOLUNTEERS.**

4 The use of volunteer services under this section shall  
5 be subject to the condition that such use does not result  
6 in the displacement of any participant.

7 **SEC. 1818. COOPERATION AMONG STATES FOR EMERGENCY**  
8 **RESPONSE.**

9 (a) **AGREEMENTS BETWEEN STATES.**—States oper-  
10 ating an Energy Conservation Corps may enter into a  
11 compact with participating states to provide for mutual  
12 cooperation to manage any emergency or disaster that is  
13 duly declared by the affected state.

14 (b) **PARTICIPATING STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.**—

15 (1) The authorized representative of a partici-  
16 pating state may request assistance of another party  
17 by contracting the authorized representative of that  
18 state. The provisions of this agreement shall only  
19 apply to requests for assistance made by and to au-  
20 thorized representatives.

21 (2) There shall be frequent consultation be-  
22 tween state officials who have assigned emergency  
23 management responsibilities and other appropriate  
24 representatives of the party states with affected ju-  
25 risdictions and the United States Government, with

1 free exchange of information, plans, and resource  
2 records relating to emergency capabilities.

3 **SEC. 1819. FEDERAL SHARE.**

4 The federal share of the cost of carrying out an En-  
5 ergy Conservation Corps program for which a grant is  
6 made under this subtitle is 76 percent of the total cost  
7 of the program.

8 **SEC. 1820. BEST PRACTICES.**

9 (a) **TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The  
10 Corporation shall provide technical assistance to grantees  
11 that request assistance and shall disseminate best prac-  
12 tices that emerge from the Energy Conservation Corps.

13 (b) **CONTRACT.**—(b) In providing training and tech-  
14 nical assistance, the Corporation shall contract with a na-  
15 tional organization with a proven track record of devel-  
16 oping and sustaining Corps, working with the Conserva-  
17 tion Corps model, and engaging young people from dis-  
18 advantaged backgrounds.

19 **SEC. 1820A. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appro-  
21 priated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years  
22 2008 through 2010 to achieve the purposes of this sub-  
23 title.

24 (b) **ALLOCATION.**—Of the amounts appropriated to  
25 carry out this subtitle for each fiscal year—

1 (1) 90 percent shall be for grants to eligible en-  
2 tities;

3 (2) 5 percent shall be technical assistance, and  
4 dissemination of best practices; and

5 (3) 5 percent shall be for evaluation.

6 **SEC. 1820B. LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—To promote Learn and Serve pro-  
8 grams that have the potential to reach every student in  
9 our public education network and private schools through  
10 school-based green service-learning, the Corporation shall  
11 establish a competitive grant program for the creation or  
12 expansion of such service learning programs.

13 (b) **APPLICATION.**—To be eligible to receive a grant  
14 under this section, a State Education Agency, Local edu-  
15 cation Agency, or nonprofit organization shall submit an  
16 application with such information and in such time as the  
17 Corporation may require.

18 (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—For this  
19 purpose, there are authorized to be appropriated  
20 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and such sums as may  
21 be necessary thereafter.

22 **SEC. 1820C. NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS.**

23 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—To promote National Senior Serv-  
24 ice Corps programs that have the potential to both involve  
25 seniors in providing meaningful volunteer opportunities

1 the Corporation shall establish a competitive grant pro-  
2 gram for the creation or expansion of National Senior  
3 Service Corps programs that—

4 (1) make effective use of the talents and experi-  
5 ence of seniors, particularly baby boomers, in pro-  
6 grams and projects involving seniors in the improve-  
7 ment of the energy efficiency of housing for elderly  
8 and low-income people;

9 (2) building or helping to supervise energy-effi-  
10 cient “green” housing for elderly and low-income  
11 people; the repair, renovation, or rehabilitation of an  
12 existing infrastructure facility including, but not lim-  
13 ited to, rail, mass transportation, ports, inland navi-  
14 gation, schools and hospitals; transportation en-  
15 hancements; recreational trails improvements, in-  
16 cluding those that enable alternative means of trans-  
17 portation and ensure safe use;

18 (3) volunteering in schools to teach or other  
19 support environmental education and energy con-  
20 servation education for elementary and secondary  
21 school students and the public; and

22 (4) assisting in such other activities as the Na-  
23 tional Senior Service Corps may identify.

24 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
25 under this section, a program in the National Senior Serv-

1 ice Corps shall submit an application with such informa-  
2 tion and in such time as the Corporation may require.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—For this purpose, there is au-  
4 thorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for fiscal year  
5 2009 and such sums as may be necessary thereafter.