

flexibility in future years to help reach the goal we have articulated.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I know I am new here in Congress and probably don't understand the way things work, but I have a basic philosophy that I have applied throughout my public service. It's very simple: The government should spend less than it takes in. It's a concept that our State governments and local governments achieve every year, and I know there's pain, but they get it, and it's because that's what they have to do. States like California and Tennessee have to make major spending cuts this year to bring their budgets in balance. The city I was mayor of has a 5 percent cut in their budget this year.

Congress, unfortunately, seems to be best at completely ignoring this principle. I'm not blaming Republicans or Democrats, because it has occurred under the watch of Presidents of both parties. But now is our chance to do something about it. Our economy is in crisis, our deficits are soaring, and I think it's reasonable to ask good programs like AmeriCorps to join the rest of the country in tightening our belts and making do with what we have for 1 more year while we try to get out of this crisis.

With that I urge adoption of my amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, we would again respectfully request a "no" vote on this amendment.

The fiscal concerns that the gentleman raises are quite valid. We believe that the procedure that's in place to address those fiscal concerns is the right one, and we actually believe that this bill in many ways is a partial answer to the country's fiscal crisis in three ways:

First, it promotes many more people getting a higher education. A skilled workforce is one of the most important ways we can grow the economy.

Second, it addresses some of the most pressing needs of the country that are precluding us from growth. Whether it's illiteracy, juvenile delinquency, gaps in our health care system, this underlying bill, we believe, addresses those needs, and this amendment artificially cuts off funding for some of those needs.

And, finally, we think that the volunteer hours that are leveraged by this legislation accomplish so much more for the commonwealth at no cost to the public treasury.

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We believe that the amendment artificially cuts off those possibilities and we urge a "no" vote.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROE), as modified.

The question was taken; and the Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Tennessee will be postponed.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise. The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. KILROY) having assumed the chair, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1388) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### PERMISSION TO REDUCE TIME FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING DURING PROCEEDINGS TODAY

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, during consideration of H.R. 1388 pursuant to House Resolution 250, the Chair may reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule XVIII and clauses 8 and 9 of rule XX.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

#### GENERATIONS INVIGORATING VOLUNTEERISM AND EDUCATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 250 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1388.

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#### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1388) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, with Mr. PASTOR of Arizona in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 5 had been postponed.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MS. KILROY

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 6 printed in House Report 111-39.

Ms. KILROY. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 6 offered by Ms. KILROY:

In section 122(a)(2)(A) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 as proposed to be amended by section 1302 of the bill, redesignate clauses (vii) and (viii) as clauses (ix) and (x), respectively, and insert after clause (vi) the following new clauses:

“(vii) addressing childhood obesity by providing volunteers to organize and supervise physical education classes and after school physical activities at elementary and secondary schools and providing nutrition education to students;

“(viii) addressing issues faced by homebound elderly citizens through food deliveries, legal and medical services provided in the home, and providing transportation;”

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 250, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. Kilroy) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio.

Ms. KILROY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today regarding my amendment to the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act, or the GIVE Act.

My amendment would add additional opportunities to the GIVE Act by adding the Healthy Futures Corps, by helping children and the elderly.

Mr. Chairman and Members, as a former VISTA volunteer, as a former school board member who helped bring City Year to my community, and as a former county commissioner who worked diligently on the issues of childhood obesity and hunger in our community, as well as with senior options, issues facing our homebound elderly, this amendment continues some of the issues and concerns that I have seen and recognized back in central Ohio.

As somebody who has had close involvement with AmeriCorps and City Year and with VISTA, I can assert that these are very cost-effective programs that provide vital services to our community. In this instance, today, in Ohio, more than 30 percent of our children between the ages of 10 to 17 are found to be overweight or obese.

As we know, childhood obesity leads to lifelong health consequences, including diabetes and heart disease. Our poorest children are more than twice as likely to be overweight. At a time when our schools are facing cuts, physical education classes are being cut and parents are working more than one job to keep families together, this program would allow us to step up, to help educate our children about living healthy lifestyles.

My amendment focuses volunteers towards programs that combat obesity through physical education for children, after-school activities and nutrition classes. We simply cannot continue to ignore this nationwide epidemic and also the corollary epidemics of preventable chronic diseases.

Physical education opportunities not only help to build strong bodies but help to build for these children habits for a healthy lifetime of good, healthy living. And, as I have seen this as a