

HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. HIMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, for a long time I have started discussions about health care with the phrase, "Setting aside the moral dimension, let's talk about the costs and the need to bring down costs."

I want to come back to that moral dimension. I want to come back to the fact that at the core of that moral dimension is the belief that we look after our own; that if you were attacked by your enemies, we send the best military in the world for hundreds of billions of dollars. If your house catches fire, we will send men and equipment to put out that fire. If an assailant enters your home, we will send men and equipment to look after our own.

But if you're one of the tens of thousands of people diagnosed with breast cancer, coronary disease, leukemia, well, then we're not sure. We might look after you if you have a job, if you can keep that job, if you don't have preexisting conditions, if you haven't committed the sin of getting older.

Madam Speaker, if we are to be true to what is the value of this country, that we look after our own, we will finally join the company of civilized nations and say, Every American, we will look after you; you will not die needlessly, by passing health care reform.

□ 0915

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(Mr. CAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, I understand that we need health care reform. I have a younger brother who has a kidney disease that put him on dialysis at the young age of 30 and forced him to have a kidney transplant. I have a father who is also on dialysis and struggling to survive. I have a younger sister who has been fighting lupus for over a decade. I also saw how my sister struggled and fought the insurance companies for coverage.

I understand the crushing costs of health care. I understand that we have to fight the insurance companies. But I also understand that abortion is wrong. Last week, I called my brother and apologized to him and told him that I cannot support the Senate health care bill. He told me that he understands, and I thank him for it.

Tomorrow will be a sad day for me as I cast a "no" vote against something I believe we need to prevent: The expansion of abortion, an absolute moral evil.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1030

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas) at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.

PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS ACT OF 2009

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1192, I call up the bill (H.R. 1612) to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the Nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1192, the bill is considered read.

The amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill is adopted.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 1612

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. REFERENCE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.; title II of Public Law 91-378).

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC LANDS CORPS ACT OF 1993.

(a) **NAME AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION CHANGES.**—*The Act is amended—*

(1) *by striking "Public Lands Corps" each place it appears and inserting "Public Lands Service Corps";*

(2) *in the title heading, by striking "PUBLIC LANDS CORPS" and inserting "PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS";*

(3) *in the section 204—*

(A) *in the section heading, by striking "PUBLIC LANDS CORPS" and inserting "PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS"; and*

(B) *in the heading of subsection (a), by striking "PUBLIC LANDS CORPS" and inserting "PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS";*

(4) *in the heading of paragraph (2) of section 210(a), by striking "PUBLIC LANDS CORPS" and inserting "PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS";*

(5) *by striking "conservation center" each place it appears and inserting "residential conservation center"; and*

(6) *by striking "appropriate conservation projects" each place it appears (except in paragraph (1) of section 204(e) as so redesignated)*

and inserting "appropriate natural and cultural resources conservation projects".

(b) **FINDINGS.**—*Section 202(a) of the Act is amended as follows:*

(1) *In paragraph (1), by striking "the natural and cultural" and inserting "natural and cultural".*

(2) *By redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:*

"(2) Participants in conservation corps receive meaningful training and their experience with such corps provides preparation for careers in public service.

"(3) Young men and women who participate in the rehabilitation and restoration of our Nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic treasures will gain an increased appreciation and understanding of our public lands and heritage, and of the value of public service, and are likely to become lifelong advocates for those values."

(3) *In paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by inserting ", cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic" after "Many facilities and natural".*

(4) *By adding at the end the following:*

"(6) The work of conservation corps can benefit communities adjacent to public lands and facilities through renewed civic engagement and participation by corps participants and those they serve; improved student achievement; and restoration and rehabilitation of public assets."

(c) **PURPOSE.**—*Section 202(b) of the Act is amended to read as follows:*

"(b) **PURPOSES.**—*The purposes of this Act are to—*

"(1) introduce young men and women to public service while furthering their understanding and appreciation of the Nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;

"(2) facilitate training and recruitment opportunities in which service is credited as qualifying experience for careers in public land management;

"(3) instill in a new generation of young men and women from across the Nation, including those from diverse backgrounds, the desire to seek careers in natural and cultural resource stewardship and public service by allowing them to work directly with professionals in agencies responsible for the management of the Nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;

"(4) perform, in a cost-effective manner, appropriate natural and cultural resources conservation projects where such projects are not being performed by existing employees;

"(5) assist governments and Indian tribes in performing research and public education tasks associated with natural and cultural resources;

"(6) expand educational opportunities by rewarding individuals who participate in national service with an increased ability to pursue higher education or job training; and

"(7) promote public understanding and appreciation of the individual missions and natural and cultural resources conservation work of the Federal agencies through training opportunities, community service and outreach, and other appropriate means."

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—*Section 203 of the Act is amended as follows:*

(1) *By amending paragraphs (1) and (2) to read as follows:*

"(1) **APPROPRIATE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION PROJECT.**—*The term 'appropriate natural and cultural resources conservation project' means any project for the conservation, restoration, construction, or rehabilitation of natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, or scenic resources.*

"(2) **CORPS AND PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS.**—*The terms 'Corps' and 'Public Lands Service Corps' mean the Public Lands Service Corps established under section 204 of this title."*