

Westerman #07* Revised

**Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute
Offered by Mr. Westerman of Arkansas**

On page 11, line 17, strike “CLIMATE”.

On page 11, line 18, strike “CLIMATE”.

On page 12, line 5, strike “Federal,”.

On page 13, lines 1-2, strike “CLIMATE”.

On page 13, line 12, strike “Federal,”.

On page 14, line 9, strike “CLIMATE”.

On page 14, line 19, strike “Federal,”.

On page 15, line 17, strike “CLIMATE”.

On page 16, line 3, strike “Federal,”.

On page 18, after line 13, insert the following:

(e) RESTRICTION ON HIRING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.—No funding under this section may be provided to any corps program that hires, employs, enrolls, or contracts with an illegal alien as defined in section 237(a)(2)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)(D)).

(f) PRIORITY FOR VETERANS HIRING.—When distributing funds under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to corps programs that hire, employ, enroll, or contract with veterans.

(g) COMPETITION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.—The funds made available by this section shall only be used when the national unemployment rate, as determined by the Department of Labor, is greater than 25 percent.

(h) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of the Interior shall consult with—

(1) the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps and other relevant national service organizations for the purpose of identifying appropriate projects, activities, and workforce development outcomes for the Corps;

(2) each applicable Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with respect to any projects carried out with funds reserved for use in Tribal, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian communities under this section; and

(3) the applicable Governor of a State and applicable county commissioners when carrying out projects under this section.

(i) ACCOUNTABILITY.—No later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit a report to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives describing the work of each of the Civilian Corps, including—

(1) the total number of conservation projects completed and the cost of each project;

(2) a description of each conservation project currently in progress including—
(A) the location of the project;
(B) the number of civilian corps members employed by the project; and
(C) the total cost of the project; and

(3) for each contract, grant, or cooperative agreement—
(A) the number of bids received;
(B) a copy of the notice of the bid; and
(C) the recipient of the contract, grant, or cooperative agreement.

On page 51, line 14, strike “**CLIMATE**”.

On page 51, line 15, strike “**CLIMATE**”.

On page 52, after line 5, insert the following:

(c) RESTRICTION ON HIRING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.—No funding under this section may be provided to any corps program that hires, employs, enrolls, or contracts with an illegal alien as defined in section 237(a)(2)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)(D)).

(d) PRIORITY FOR VETERANS HIRING.—When distributing funds under this section, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall give priority to corps programs that hire, employ, enroll, or contract with veterans.

(e) COMPETITION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.—The funds made available by this section shall only be used when the national unemployment rate, as determined by the Department of Labor, is greater than 25 percent.

(f) CONSULTATION.—The Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall consult with—

- (1) the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps and other relevant national service organizations for the purpose of identifying appropriate projects, activities, and workforce development outcomes for the Corps;
- (2) each applicable Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with respect to any projects carried out with funds reserved for use in Tribal, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian communities under this section; and
- (3) the applicable Governor of a State and applicable county commissioners when carrying out projects under this section.

(g) ACCOUNTABILITY.—No later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall submit a report to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives describing the work of each of the Civilian Corps, including—

- (1) the total number of conservation projects completed and the cost of each project;
- (2) a description of each conservation project currently in progress including—
 - (A) the location of the project;
 - (B) the number of civilian corps members employed by the project; and
 - (C) the total cost of the project; and
- (3) for each contract, grant, or cooperative agreement—
 - (A) the number of bids received;
 - (B) a copy of the notice of the bid; and
 - (C) the recipient of the contract, grant, or cooperative agreement.