

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5255

To endorse expansion of the Peace Corps to 14,000 volunteers by 2007, to authorize appropriations for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2003 through 2007, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2002

Mr. KIRK (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. WALSH, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ISSA, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. PETRI, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Peace Corps Expan-
5 sion Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) In his State of the Union address on Janu-
2 ary 29, 2002, President George W. Bush called for
3 doubling the number of Peace Corps volunteers to
4 14,000 by the end of fiscal year 2007.

5 (2) The Peace Corps currently is operating in
6 70 countries with 7,000 Peace Corps volunteers and
7 an annual budget of approximately \$275,000,000.

8 (3) Section 2(b) of the Peace Corps Act states
9 that “it is the policy of the United States and a pur-
10 pose of the Peace Corps to maintain . . . a volun-
11 teer corps of at least 10,000 individuals”, and in
12 1999 legislation was enacted authorizing the appro-
13 priation of funds sufficient to achieve this goal by
14 the end of fiscal year 2003.

15 (4) The Peace Corps was established in 1961 to
16 promote world peace and friendship through the
17 service of American volunteers abroad.

18 (5) Since its establishment, the Peace Corps
19 has operated in 135 countries with a total of ap-
20 proximately 165,000 Peace Corps volunteers.

21 (6) After more than 40 years of operation, the
22 Peace Corps remains the world’s premier inter-
23 national service organization dedicated to promoting
24 grassroots development.

1 (7) The Peace Corps remains committed to
2 sending well-trained and well-supported volunteers
3 overseas to promote peace, friendship, and grass-
4 roots development.

5 **SEC. 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

6 Congress declares its support for the goal announced
7 by President Bush of doubling the number of Peace Corps
8 volunteers to 14,000 by 2007.

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL**
10 **YEARS 2003 THROUGH 2007 TO CARRY OUT**
11 **THE PEACE CORPS ACT.**

12 Section 3(b)(1) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.
13 2502(b)(1)) is amended to striking “and \$365,000,000
14 fiscal year 2003” and inserting “\$320,000,000 for fiscal
15 year 2003, \$362,000,000 for fiscal year 2004,
16 \$404,000,000 for fiscal year 2005, \$446,000,000 for fis-
17 cal year 2006, and \$488,000,000 for fiscal year 2007”.

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