

Eighty-seventh Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the third day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one*

An Act

To provide for a Peace Corps to help the peoples of interested countries and areas in meeting their needs for skilled manpower.

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

TITLE I—THE PEACE CORPS

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Peace Corps Act".

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

SEC. 2. The Congress of the United States declares that it is the policy of the United States and the purpose of this Act to promote world peace and friendship through a Peace Corps, which shall make available to interested countries and areas men and women of the United States qualified for service abroad and willing to serve, under conditions of hardship if necessary, to help the peoples of such countries and areas in meeting their needs for trained manpower, and to help promote a better understanding of the American people on the part of the peoples served and a better understanding of other peoples on the part of the American people.

AUTHORIZATION

SEC. 3. (a) The President is authorized to carry out programs in furtherance of the purposes of this Act, on such terms and conditions as he may determine.

(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the President for the fiscal year 1962 not to exceed \$40,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS AND DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

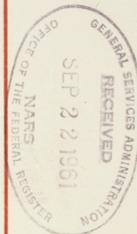
SEC. 4. (a) The President may appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Director of the Peace Corps, whose compensation shall be fixed by the President at a rate not in excess of \$20,000 per annum, and a Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, whose compensation shall be fixed by the President at a rate not in excess of \$19,500 per annum.

(b) The President may exercise any functions vested in him by this Act through such agency or officer of the United States Government as he shall direct. The head of any such agency or any such officer may promulgate such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out such functions, and may delegate to any of his subordinates authority to perform any of such functions.

(c) (1) Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to infringe upon the powers or functions of the Secretary of State.

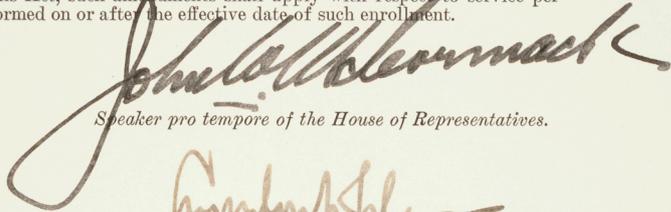
(2) The President shall prescribe appropriate procedures to assure coordination of Peace Corps activities with other activities of the United States Government in each country, under the leadership of the chief of the United States diplomatic mission.

(3) Under the direction of the President, the Secretary of State shall be responsible for the continuous supervision and general direc-



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(c) The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall apply with respect to service performed after the date of the enactment of this Act. In the case of any individual who is enrolled as a volunteer or volunteer leader under section 16(a) of this Act, such amendments shall apply with respect to service performed on or after the effective date of such enrollment.



Speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives.



*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

Approved -
September 22nd 1961
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Washington D.C.
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