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In short, the camps just now are reaching their peaks of effectiveness, both in rehabilitating young people and in giving them basic skills and knowledge for a better future, and in performing valuable conservation functions. Our people have visited many of the camps and are enthused over their quality and effectiveness.

Of course, the program has not been without some difficulties. However, when disadvantaged young people of varying races and backgrounds are brought together under unfamiliar circumstances and surroundings, some friction and problems might be expected. On the whole, though, we think the program is off to a splendid start. We would regret it if the program is curtailed or eliminated, as apparently would be the case under the program envisioned by H.R. 10682.

Thank you for the opportunity of expressing these views.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Division of Conservation Education.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE,
Washington, D.C., July 18, 1967.

HON. CARL D. PERKINS,
*Chairman, Committee on Education and Labor,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PERKINS: The Institute, a national conservation organization interested in the improved management and restoration of natural resources, is concerned about two proposals, H.R. 8311 and H.R. 10682, pending before the committee. Both deal in part with the Job Corps Conservation Centers now in operation on lands of the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and other natural resources agencies.

H.R. 8311 would continue the constructive Job Corps Conservation Centers program; H.R. 10682 would let it expire by default.

Members of our staff have visited a number of the Job Corps Camps and have seen the good work that is being done, both in education and rehabilitation of deserving young men whose future status as productive citizens is clouded by the home and community conditions to which they are exposed, and in the actual on-the-ground conservation projects in which they are engaged.

It is our sincere hope that the Job Corps Conservation Centers program will be continued in whatever legislation is approved. The costs of the program are modest compared to the results that are being achieved.

I would appreciate having this letter made a part of the hearing record.

Sincerely,

C. R. GUTERMUTH, *Vice President.*

MR. DELLENBACK. Now we do have Mr. Pomeroy with us. Mr. Pomeroy, we are apologetic for having gone this late in the day, and you have been with us very patiently. We would like very much to have your testimony for the record, and even though the number of members of the committee who are in attendance is reduced to a bare minimum, I would welcome this chance to have you with us and to listen to your testimony so that it is part of our record.

You may go at it either way. If you want to go over the testimony you have put in formal information directly, and then go into it, or summarize it, whichever way you prefer.

**STATEMENT OF KENNETH B. POMEROY, CHIEF FORESTER,
AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION**

MR. POMEROY. Mr. Chairman, you have had a long and trying day, and I will only keep you a very few moments.

MR. DELLENBACK. May I say seriously at this point, Mr. Pomeroy, I don't think in any wise you ought to feel rushed because of the hour.