

May 16th 2019 Oral statement to 9-12 AM Hearings insert after 1st Paragraph, before 2nd paragraph, added on comments spoken. PJ

This one-year conversation for a #YouthWakeUpCall to service in #EveryZipCode, mainly in High Schools would force “opposition culture” to this new Law to have to target also High Schools, local every zip code educational districts about this spark of “Points of Light” along with targeting the Congress, Federal Governments priority on this significant but cost-effective policy change of youth registration at 17th birthday.

This one-year civic education talk on service, request at 18th birthday of yes, no, maybe to serious commitment, would be the most cost-effective “New pipeline to Service fostering critical skills/thinking processes towards helping to Bridge the Military/Civilian divide.

To me this on-ramp highway of required registration at 17th birthday of civic education learning highway, would “Spark” more “off-ramps” to service of all kinds of choices by each new generation year-after-year.

Registration at 17 birthday, as a New Law, would be the Federal catalyst for a complex choice of conversation topics, details towards service. However any youth 10 to 16 could pro-actively explore these multi-layered websites of education on civic values, civic service.

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- 2) Peter Jesella, Vietnam-era veteran, joined Air Force medical field rather than being drafted.

Evidence

This morning I commented on my disappointment that the Interim Report had no reference to the idea of moving initial registration to 17th birthday for an on and off one-year conversation on the commissions second mandate of, I quote: "increasing participation in military, national, and public service as a means to strengthen our nation". This bill also proposed that at 18th birthday basic feedback of yes, no, or maybe to "serious consideration of voluntary or contracted service would be required". Every year much realistic data would be gathered about the next voting age generations views on the "ethos" of our nation's wellbeing. Maybe allowed for consideration up to 25th birthday. I hope the commission can get input from experts on this uncomfortable requirement.

Another critical consideration if this second mandate that Congress will consider is changing the name of the Selective Service System to better reflect its new mission. After 9/11 President Bush challenged Americans to perform two years of service, in Executive Order 13254 called for "Inventory of Federal Service Opportunities and Regulatory Barriers to Community and other service activities." He also had his staff create the "USA Freedom Corps Network".

Dated December 16th, 2002, a White House letter from H. Christopher Bartolomucci stated: "On behalf of Counsel to the President Alberto R. Gonzales, regarding the Selective Service System and Participatory Citizenship System" My suggested name change. This was the 1% reply from the 100 letters I sent to staff at the White House referencing above info on 13254 and USA Freedom Corps Network, old idea of moving registration to 17th birthday, and my name for replacing the Selective Service System, its primary mission, and so its title. In the early 1980's I obtain many more letters from the Reagan Administration about this 1979 bill and Congressman Leon Panetta's bill proposal like the commission's work, which died upon arrival, with no support from Reagan Administration, Democratic Leadership.

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- 3) Peter Jesella, Vietnam-era veteran, joined Air Force rather than being drafted. In my reference to 1979, 96th Congress HR 2206, which in 1982 became HR 1730, I have focused on moving registration to 17th birthday for male consideration of patriotic service in its many different forms and missions.

This bill also proposed to include women in this on and off one-year discussion between 17th and 18th birthday on values of a civic society through citizen service. When in December 2015 some media talked about young women and registration, I wrote a short essay in reply to these remarks, more focused on 17th through 18th issue, but also said on pros/cons of requiring women to register. Quote “Whatever role each individual woman plays in the military or combat, I hope is a transaction between each individual woman’s goals and the needs of a professional military.”

Moving to April 27, 2016 the House Committee on Armed Services was marking-up the 2017 Defense bill, Chairman Thornberry allowed Congressman Hunter to present his amendment “Draft America’s Daughters Act of 2016” to a recorded vote, expecting it would fail, but it passed 32 to 30 on a bipartisan vote. On May 17 Chairman of the Rules committee Pete Sessions stripped it from the DOD 2017 funding bill, saying he is “adamantly opposed to coercing America’s daughters to sign up for the Selective Service”. The power of one over 32 yeses. I also learned from mark-up meeting that the Chairman had requested a DOD review of Selective Service, report by July 2017.

Congressman Session’s include the question of women registration to this DOD review. In December 2016 the joint Senate House review of DOD budget agreed to fund this commission, because Senator McCain also removed Senate passed requirement for women to register. Compromise or delay your pick.

Regarding DOD review interim report was completed in March 2017, the House released in July 2017 the exact copy as a final report. This report said keep Selective Service and include women registration. House leadership than stated that would need to wait for the 2020 report from this commission. One year to go.

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4) Peter Jesella, Vietnam-era veteran, joined Air Force rather than being drafted. Congress allocates funding, unless it is a national emergency. So if the commission was to strongly outline the justification for moving male-only registration to 17th birthday and Congress did it's job and debated this in committee, on the floor in Senate, and House both the cost, and youth, adult input from across the nation would hopefully take place.

I believe the cost of moving registration to 17th birthday, encouraging high schools to take primary led, gathering data feedback from youth reactions, feedback at 18th birthday could come from the DOD recruiting budget of one-billion dollars per year, because it would enhance better military recruiting, but also our nation's national security citizen awareness needs. The bill in 1979 per Congressional Budget Office projected an AmeriCorps like program expanding to 1 million youth per year would cost a few billion dollars in new funding, which Congress often seems unwilling to support.

However, with youth between 17 and 18 discussing the civic values of AmeriCorps like programs, wanting to participate, but unable; do to lack of funding, if these youth could form a new voting block on this policy issue to target members of Congress that are unwilling to fund the billions needed, supporting candidates that do, and showing some success, I believe the next Congress would be more agreeable towards doing a detailed cost-benefit analysis on expanding AmeriCorps to the goal of one-million youth per year of service.

When President Obama gave his first speech to Congress, he called for legislative enhancements to AmeriCorps, its department, the Corporation for National and Community Service. A Democratic Congress quickly passed these enhancements into law, however without any additional funding. Six months later when funding requests were reviewed, a very small increase passed, due to lack of strong support from the Obama Administration, leadership in Congress. If the commission were to strongly recommend moving registration to 17th birthday for this cost-effective one-year discussion on citizen service, Congress might try to do this, without spending much money. If youth express in these one-year debates, 18th birthday feedback, the desire for expanding contracted community service, are willing to vote for candidates willing to fund, I believe it will show how American democracy is again on the path towards greatness.

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