AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO
H.R. 1957
OFFERED BY MR. GRIFFITH OF VIRGINIA

Add after section 3 the following:

1 SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT ON NATIONAL FOREST VOLUN-
2 TEERS.
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4 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Agriculture, acting
5 through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall conduct a
6 study on, with respect to each National Forest—
7 (1) during the 10-year period preceding the
8 date of the enactment of this section, the amount of
9 volunteer hours served at each such National Forest;
10 (2) the deferred maintenance backlog of each
11 such National Forest;
12 (3) whether volunteers could carry out any
13 projects under each such deferred maintenance back-
14 log; and
15 (4) any barriers to increasing volunteer partici-
16 pation.
17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
18 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Agri-
19 culture shall submit a report to Congress that includes the
20 results of the study required under subsection (a).
(c) VOLUNTEER DEFINED.—In this section, the term “volunteer”—

(1) means an individual who volunteers at a National Forest, including through an agreement between a local government and the Secretary of Agriculture; and

(2) does not include, with respect to activities carried out on National Forest System land—

(A) an individual who is compensated with respect to such activities; or

(B) an individual who carries out such activities pursuant to participation in—

(i) the Youth Conservation Corps established under title I of Public Law 91–378 (16 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);

(ii) the Public Lands Corps established under title II of Public Law 91–378 (16 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.);

(iii) a Job Corps program established under subtitle C of title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3191 et seq.); or

(iv) AmeriCorps.