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Mr. AMLIE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To provide vocational training and employment for youth between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five; to provide for full educational opportunities for high-school, college, and post-graduate students; and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the*
2 *United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary
3 of Labor and the Commissioner of Education are authorized and
4 directed to provide for the immediate establishment of a system of
5 vocational training and employment on public enterprises for the
6 purpose of providing regular wages for youth between the ages of
7 sixteen and twenty-five. These regular wages shall be equal to the
8 prevailing rate of wages for the ~~therwi~~ performed as established by the
9 recognized organizations of ~~lo enun~~ each community. In no case
10 shall wages be less than \$15 per week plus \$3 for each dependent.

11 SEC. 2. The Secretary of Labor and the Commissioner of Edu-
12 cation are further authorized as directed to provide for full payments
13 of fees plus the average weekly living expenses of needy students in

1 high schools and vocational schools: *Provided*, That such compensa-
2 tion, exclusive of all fees, shall in no case be less than \$15 per month.
3 These payments shall become effective upon entrance into high school
4 or vocational school and shall be made throughout the entire year.

5 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Labor and the Commissioner of Edu-
6 cation are further authorized and directed to provide for the imme-
7 diate establishment of a system of regular employment on college
8 projects for the purposes of providing regular wages for needy under-
9 graduate and graduate students in colleges. These projects shall be
10 of academic nature in accordance with the educational purposes of
11 the institutions of higher learning. These regular wages shall be
12 equal to the prevailing rate of wages for the work performed, deter-
13 mined in the same manner as under the terms of section 1 and/or
14 by the local youth commission as hereinafter provided; but shall in
15 no case be less than \$25 per month. Employment on these projects
16 shall be provided upon entrance into college and shall be continued
17 throughout the entire year.

18 SEC. 4. The minimum compensation guaranteed by the terms
19 of this Act shall be increased in conformity with the rise in the cost of
20 living.

21 SEC. 5. This Act shall be administered and controlled, and the
22 minimum compensation and conditions of work shall be adjusted by
23 youth commissions. These commissions shall determine eligibility
24 for benefits under this Act on the principles herein provided. In all
25 administrative boards set up under this Act, not less than one-third
26 of the membership shall consist of the elected representatives of youth

1 organizations, not less than one-third shall consist of the representatives
2 of organized labor, and the remainder shall consist of representatives
3 of local social service, education, and consumers' organizations.

4 SEC. 6. All works projects authorized under the terms of this
5 Act shall be projects actually beneficial to the community, and no works
6 projects so authorized shall be directly or indirectly of a military char-
7 acter or designed to subsidize any private profit-making enterprise.

8 SEC. 7. The benefits of all sections of this Act shall be extended
9 to all youth without discrimination because of nativity, sex, race, color,
10 religious, or political opinion or affiliation. No youth shall be dis-
11 qualified from enjoying the benefits of this Act because of past or pres-
12 ent participation in strikes or refusal to work in place of strikers, or
13 refusal to work at less than average local trade-union wages, or under
14 unsafe or unsanitary conditions or where hours are longer than prevail-
15 ing union standards of a particular trade or locality or at an unreason-
16 able distance from home, or at apprenticeship employment where for
17 work equal to that of adults or other young workers equal wages are
18 not received.

19 SEC. 8. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of
20 any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, sums as may be
21 necessary for the purposes herein enumerated. Further taxation neces-
22 sary to provide funds for the purposes of this Act shall be levied on
23 inheritances, gifts, and individual and corporation incomes of \$5,000 a
24 year or over.

25 SEC. 9. This Act may be cited as "The American Youth Act."

THIS American Youth Act was drawn up and is being sponsored by the American Youth Congress which is composed of 860 organizations representing 1,500,000 American youth. It is the product of the American Youth Congress but it belongs to the youth of America wherever they assemble, whether it be on the farm, in the factory, trade union, church, Y's, school, professional, fraternal, language or social groups. Your organization is cordially invited to mail your endorsement to the American Youth Congress.

The Youth Congress movement, realizing that young people do not constitute a separate social force, but knowing that youth has special problems of its own that must be acted upon, was set up in August, 1914, at New York University, New York City. It is an attempt to unite the youth of America on some common problems for the common good of all. It does not endorse any political party, creed or group and is non-sectarian in all its activities.

For more copies of this American Youth Act or additional information concerning affiliation to the American Youth Congress, you are requested to write the National Council of the American Youth Congress at 22 East 17th Street, New York City.

What You Can Do to Help Secure the Passage of the American Youth Act

1. Write or wire to Representative Vincent L. Palmisano, Chairman of the Committee on Education, House Office Building, Washington, D.C., and to Senator David I. Walsh, Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, Senate Office Building, urging that the above committees hold immediate **JOINT** hearings on the American Youth Act.
2. Write your own Congressmen and Senators urging them to support the American Youth Act.
3. Ask your organizations to endorse the Act, whether they be trade unions, student councils or clubs, Y's settlements, churches, or city councils.
4. Notify the American Youth Congress, 22 East 17th Street, New York City, of all endorsements for this Act which you secure.