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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I am signing today S. 1871 which amends the Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1972.

The Youth Conservation Corps program provides summer work-education experiences for young people aged 15 through 18, of all income classes, on Federal lands administered by the Departments of Interior and Agriculture. This year, most of the States and territories established YCC programs on State lands under a pilot grant program.

This Act establishes a program to expand the participation of young people in activities on Federal and State lands. It makes the State grant program permanent. It also would permit use of Corps members on projects on Federal lands administered in other Federal agencies.

Though I have some concerns about the cost of this program at a time when inflation is our number one domestic problem, this Act is not inconsistent with the 1975 budget and thus I am pleased to be able to sign it.

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