

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representatives Pocan, Van Hollen, Pascrell, Ryan (OH), Moore, Castor, McDermott, Lee, Jeffries, Lujan Grisham, Cárdenas, Doggett, and Kildee

Importance of Raising the Minimum Wage

1. At the end of Title VI, add the following:

“Sense of the House on the Importance of Raising the Minimum Wage

(a) The House finds that---

- (1) The minimum wage has not been increased since 2009.
- (2) The real value of the minimum wage today is less than it was in 1956.
- (3) Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour would give a raise to about 28 million workers.
- (4) Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour would lift about 1 million Americans out of poverty.
- (5) Minimum wage workers bring home an average of 50 percent of their family's total income.
- (6) A higher minimum wage would put more money in the pockets of individuals who are likely to spend additional income. This would help expand the economy and create jobs.
- (7) In part because of this effect, recent studies have indicated that increases in the minimum wage do not adversely impact job creation as much as had been previously thought, and that modest increases in the minimum wage may actually create jobs.
- (8) A higher minimum wage will reduce government spending to provide assistance to minimum wage workers.
- (9) A higher minimum wage will benefit businesses by increasing productivity, reducing absenteeism, and reducing turnover.

(b) It is the sense of the House that Congress should raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour in three annual steps, as proposed in H.R. 1010, the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013.”

2. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution expresses the sense of House in support of increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour, as proposed in H.R. 1010, the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013. A higher minimum wage will benefit both workers and the economy as a whole.