# H.R. 555 - In the House of Representatives: A Bill

To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the federal minimum wage

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That this act be cited as the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2015.

That paragraph 1 of section 6a of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 is amended to read:

$8.25 an hour beginning September 1, 2016
$8.75 an hour beginning September 1, 2017

Question directed to the witness from (circle one):

 The AFL-CIO

 The Chamber of Commerce

 Either one

Amendment: (“Mr. Chairman, I move that HR 555 be amended to read...”)

**The federal hourly minimum wage since its inception:**

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| October 1938 | $0.25 |
| October 1939 | $0.30 |
| October 1945 | $0.40 |
| January 1950 | $0.75 |
| March 1956 | $1.00 |
| September 1961 | $1.15 |
| September 1963 | $1.25 |
| February 1967 | $1.40 |
| February 1968 | $1.60 |
| May 1974 | $2.00 |
| January 1975 | $2.10 |
| January 1976 | $2.30 |
| January 1978 | $2.65 |
| January 1979 | $2.90 |
| January 1980 | $3.10 |
| January 1981 | $3.35 |
| April 1990 | $3.80 |
| April 1991 | $4.25 |
| October 1996 | $4.75 |
| September 1997July 2007July 2008July 2009 | $5.15$5.85$6.55$7.25 |

For a discussion of the purchasing power of the minimum wage through history, please visit <http://www.cbpp.org/6-20-06mw.htm> (The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities).

- See more at: http://www.congresslink.org/print\_lp\_congcommsim\_miniwage\_hr666.htm#sthash.B1Vc3oiH.dpuf