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Washington D.C. - U.S. Rep. John Murtha voted to increase the minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour over two years benefiting nearly 13 million American workers and their families.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill by a vote of 315 to 116.

"In my 32 years in Congress, I have voted for every minimum wage increase because raising the minimum wage is the first step to a stronger and fairer economy for all Americans, not just for people in the higher income levels," said Murtha.

H.R. 2 will increase the minimum wage by \$2.10 - from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over two years. This would mean an additional \$4,400 per year for a family of three, equaling 15 months of groceries, or over two years of health care - helping them to keep up with rising costs.

"I believe our action will make a real difference in the lives of American workers." said Murtha.