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Washington D.C. - Congressman John Murtha issued the following statement today after the House again blocked a vote raising the minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour from \$5.15:

"Millions of hard-working Americans live below the poverty level with no health insurance, unable to make the ends meet because of sharply rising energy and other costs. With the minimum wage is at its lowest level in 50 years when adjusted for inflation, we are long overdue for an increase in the minimum wage. But the needs of our most vulnerable citizens are again being ignored in Washington."

The House last night adopted a rule on the Science, State, Justice and Commerce Appropriation that did not allow consideration of an amendment on the minimum wage.