

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2617, with an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2617

To amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 2, 2015

Mrs. RADEWAGEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to postpone a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MINIMUM WAGE FOR AMERICAN SAMOA.**

4 (a) MINIMUM WAGE.—Paragraph (2) of section
5 8103(b) of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 (29
6 U.S.C. 206 note) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(2) the minimum wage applicable to American
2 Samoa under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor
3 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)) shall
4 be—

5 “(A) the applicable wage rate in effect for
6 each industry and classification as of September
7 29, 2015; and

8 “(B) increased by \$0.50 an hour (or such
9 lesser amount as may be necessary to equal the
10 minimum wage under section 6(a)(1) of such
11 Act), beginning on December 31, 2016, and on
12 December 31 of every third year thereafter,
13 until the minimum wage applicable to American
14 Samoa under this paragraph is equal to the
15 minimum wage set forth in such section.”.

16 (b) GAO REPORTS.—Section 8104 of the Fair Min-
17 imum Wage Act of 2007 (29 U.S.C. 206 note) is amend-
18 ed—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) by striking “September 1, 2011” and
21 inserting “April 1, 2017”; and

22 (B) by striking the second sentence and in-
23 serting the following: “The Government Ac-
24 countability Office shall submit a subsequent
25 report not later than April 1, 2020.”;

1 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “the study
2 under subsection (a)” and inserting “any report
3 under subsection (a)”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF IN-
6 CREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE IN AMERICAN SAMOA.—
7 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
8 subsection, the Government Accountability Office shall
9 transmit to Congress a report on alternative ways of in-
10 creasing the minimum wage in American Samoa to keep
11 pace with the cost of living in American Samoa and to
12 eventually equal the minimum wage set forth in section
13 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29
14 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)).”.