

AMENDMENT TO LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2007
OFFERED BY MR. HOYER OF MARYLAND

At the end of the bill (before the short title) insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. (a) MINIMUM WAGE.—Section 6(a)(1) of
2 the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.
3 206(a)(1)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “and not less than \$5.15 an
5 hour” and inserting “not less than \$5.15 an hour”;
6 and

7 (2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end
8 the following: “, not less than \$5.85 an hour begin-
9 ning on January 1, 2007, not less than \$6.55 an
10 hour beginning on January 1, 2008, and not less
11 than \$7.25 an hour beginning on January 1, 2009”.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY OF MINIMUM WAGE TO THE
13 COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA IS-
14 LANDS.—(1) Section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act
15 of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206) shall apply to the Commonwealth
16 of the Northern Mariana Islands.

17 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the minimum
18 wage applicable to the Commonwealth of the Northern



1 Mariana Islands under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor
2 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1))—

3 (A) shall be \$3.55 an hour, beginning on the
4 60th day after the date of enactment of this Act;
5 and

6 (B) shall be increased by \$0.50 an hour (or
7 such lesser amount as may be necessary to equal the
8 minimum wage under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair
9 Labor Standards Act of 1938), beginning 6 months
10 after the date of enactment of this Act and every 6
11 months thereafter until the minimum wage applica-
12 ble to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
13 Islands under this subsection is equal to the min-
14 imum wage set forth in such section.

