

## HR 229

### Original Living American Wage (LAW) Act

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## Sponsor

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Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jan 14, 2013
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jan 14, 2013
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 14, 2013
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jan 14, 2013
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2013
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 4, 2013
Rep. Grayson, Alan [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 6, 2013

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 4839	Related bill	Nov 17, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

Original Living American Wage (LAW) Act - Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the federal minimum wage should, as a minimum, be adjusted every four years so that a person working for it may earn an annual income at least 15% higher than the federal poverty threshold for a family of two; (2) it should be set at a level high enough to allow two full-time minimum wage workers to earn an income above the national housing wage; and (3) Congress, any of the several states, the District of Columbia, any U.S. territories or possessions, any Indian tribe, or local or state government may establish a higher minimum wage requirement than that established in this Act.

Amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the federal minimum wage to at least the amount determined by the Secretary of Labor according to the formula prescribed by this Act beginning September 1, 2013.

Requires the Secretary to determine such minimum wage rate by June 1, 2013, and once every four years thereafter. Prohibits any adjustment if the determination would result in a minimum wage lower than the current one.

Requires the minimum wage so determined to be the minimum hourly wage sufficient for a person working for it 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, to earn an annual income 15% higher than the federal poverty threshold for a two-person household, with one child under age 18, and living in the 48 contiguous states, as published for each such year by the Census Bureau.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 23, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Jan 14, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 14, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.