

## HR 2312

Tipped Employee Protection Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]

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### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Baumgartner, Michael [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Apr 9, 2025
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Oct 17, 2025
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Oct 21, 2025
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Nov 7, 2025
Rep. Letlow, Julia [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Nov 17, 2025
Rep. Messmer, Mark B. [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Nov 17, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 24, 2025
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Markup By	Nov 20, 2025
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 30, 2025
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HRES 988	Related bill	<b>Jan 13, 2026:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## **Tipped Employee Protection Act**

This bill modifies the definition of a *tipped employee* under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA) to exclude consideration of an employee's duties when determining if the employee is a tipped employee.

Under current law, tipped employees may be paid less than the federal minimum wage (currently \$7.25 an hour), but the total of their cash wage and tips must be at least equal to the federal minimum wage. Under the FLSA, a tipped employee is currently a worker who customarily and regularly receives more than \$30 a month in tips.

The bill broadens the definition of tipped employee to include any worker who receives tips and other cash wages for a work period at a rate that is at least the federal minimum wage, without regard to the duties of the employee. Under the bill, the work period is a work period that is determined by the employer.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 13, 2026:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 2312, the Chair put the question on motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced the noes had prevailed. Ms. Budzinski demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Jan 13, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H694)
- **Jan 13, 2026:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 209 - 215 (Roll no. 21).
- **Jan 13, 2026:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on H.R. 2312 is postponed.
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