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No. 1891

S.P. 669

In Senate, March 16, 1999

An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and
Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, KONTOS of Cumberland, Representatives: MARTIN
of Eagle Lake, CAMERON of Rumford, MATTHEWS of Winslow.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 305,
§1, is amended to read:

6 **1. Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is ~~\$4.25~~ \$5.50 per
8 hour. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess
of ~~\$4.25~~ \$5.15 per hour, the minimum wage must be increased to
10 ~~the same amount~~ 35¢ above the federal minimum wage, effective on
the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, ~~but in~~
12 ~~no case may the minimum wage exceed \$5.15 per hour.~~

14 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect November 1, 1999.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill increases the minimum wage to \$5.50 per hour,
20 effective November 1, 1999. It also provides that the state wage
increase to an amount 35¢ above the federal minimum wage if that
22 minimum is increased above the current \$5.15 per hour rate.