

“Act”
Ad Back-Up
Americans United For Change
 TV (:30)

<i>SCRIPT</i>	<i>FACTS</i>
<p>BUSH SYNC: This week... Millions of Americans are getting a raise. For the first time in 10 years, the minimum wage is going up. And that lifts up every working American.</p>	<p>Congress Approves Minimum Wage Hike “Congress yesterday approved the first increase in the federal minimum wage in nearly a decade, voting to boost wages for America's lowest-paid workers from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over the next two years.” [Washington Post, 05/25/07] http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/24/AR2007052402241.html</p> <p>“The federal minimum wage for covered, nonexempt employees is \$5.85 per hour effective July 24, 2007; \$6.55 per hour effective July 24, 2008; and \$7.25 per hour effective July 24, 2009.” [US Department of Labor] https://www.dol.gov/compliance/topics/wages-minimum-wage.htm</p> <p>“An estimated 13.0 million workers (10% of the workforce) would receive an increase in their hourly wage rate if the minimum wage were raised from \$5.15 to \$7.25 by 2009. Of these workers, 5.6 million workers (4% of the workforce) currently earn less than \$7.25 and would be directly affected by an increase. The additional 7.4 million workers (6% of the workforce) earning slightly above the minimum would also be likely to benefit from an increase due to "spillover effects." [Economic Policy Institute] http://www.epi.org/content.cfm/issueguides_minwage_minwagefacts</p>
<p>ANNCR: Raising the minimum wage took an act of Congress. But more importantly, it took a Congress willing to act.</p>	<p>The minimum wage increase was contained in HR 2206 http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:h.r.02206:</p>

<p>ANNCR: Willing to take on tough issues...Like protecting health coverage for millions of children.</p>	<p>Congress Plugs \$650 Million SCHIP Funding Gap “State Children's Health Insurance Programs will receive \$650 million in federal funds to fill budget shortfalls this year thanks to a bill signed into law May 25. The money was part of a \$120 billion military spending bill. The funding will be divided among 14 states that were expecting to run out of SCHIP money before Sept. 30, the end of fiscal year 2007.” [American Medical News, 6/18/07] http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2007/06/18/gvl20618.htm</p> <p>HR 2206 was signed by the President on May 25th and contained \$650 million for SCHIP [The State Children’s Health Insurance Program], approximately \$250 million dollars of which will be offset by Medicaid savings according the Congressional Budget Office making the total cost of the increase \$393 million.</p>
<p>ANNCR: And passing the largest veterans’ healthcare increase in history.</p>	<p>Congress OKs War Spending Backed By Bush The bill included “\$4.8 billion for military and veterans healthcare.” [San Francisco Chronicle, 5/25/07] http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/05/25/MNGR7Q1C651.DTL</p> <p>HR 2206 http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:h.r.02206:</p>
<p>ANNCR: Tell the new Congress. Keep moving America in a new direction.</p>	