

PFA president knocks minimum wage

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An increase in the minimum wage would lead to higher unemployment and increase inflation, a spokesman for the nation's largest general farm organization told members of Congress recently.

"It is time for the new Administration and the Congress to apply zero-based budgeting principles to the minimum wage," Eugene

Thompson, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association said.

In a statement presented to a House Education and Labor Subcommittee on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Thompson said, "since the minimum wage tends to be the floor under which no one will work, whether the employer is required to pay the federal minimum or not," any increase in the minimum wage would very likely lead to higher unemployment.

"Employers, including farmers, would be forced to place greater emphasis on the efficiency of labor in their operations in order to offset, in whole or in part, the higher wage costs, since the price of labor is based on productivity - that is, the worth or value of the service performed," Thompson explained.

"There would be a loss of jobs, both in terms of people so discouraged as to not even try to seek employment and in terms of jobs eliminated or not created."

Thompson pointed out that

an increased minimum wage would also worsen inflation. "Because increases in the minimum wage have an effect on the entire scale of wages, there would be a ripple effect on all wages - not just on the workers who are now being paid the minimum wage."

The Farm Bureau spokesman told Subcommittee members that, while farmers are not experts in the field of labor economics, "we are experts, in fact the world's leading experts, in the field of producing an abundance of food and fiber. We do this at the lowest per unit cost of any farmers in the world in large part because of the implementation of labor efficiency on our farms."

And he added: "Any farmer who employs one or more persons is affected by this legislation."

"We believe an increase in the minimum wage would drive from the labor market the least educated, least literate, and least skilled of workers..." he said.

Instead of considering legislation to raise the

minimum wage, Thompson said, "Congress should call into service the best minds available in the field of economics and social welfare and make a careful and unbiased examination of the federal minimum wage."

"Hard facts are lacking on the impact of the minimum wage on our economy," he said. And he added:

"At the very least, this bill should be amended to provide job opportunities for the young and the less skilled in our society, either by an outright exemption as

provided in a number of state minimum wage laws; by a minimum wage differential; by an exemption for season jobs; or through some other means of insubstituting these people from the adverse effects of this legislation. We also advocate a change in the youth employment provisions of the Act so that young people 12 and 13 years of age can, with the consent of their parents, do nonhazardous season work on farms in their local areas."

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