

(AP) An Iowa Senate panel approved a measure raising Iowa's minimum wage to \$10 an hour, but supporters acknowledge the proposal has no chance of becoming law. Burlington Democrat Tom Courtney pushed for the increase from the current \$7.25, noting that at \$10 an hour someone still would earn only about \$20,000 annually.



Ottumwa Republican Mark Chelgren says the move would dry up jobs for young people. Although the subcommittee of the Senate Labor Committee approved the measure Thursday, House Speaker Kraig Paulsen told reporters he wouldn't allow debate on the proposal in the House, where Republicans hold a majority. Paulsen says the measure would hurt employers, and he wants to help them create jobs. San Francisco has the nation's top minimum wage of \$10.24 an hour.