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H. R. 314

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VENTO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Livable Wage Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. WAGES UNDER CONTRACTS.**

6 (a) GENERAL RULE.—No executive agency of the
7 Government of the United States (as defined in section
8 105 of title 5, United States Code) may enter into a con-

1 tract which does not require that the wages paid under
2 the contract, including wages paid under any subcontract
3 to such contract but not including wages paid in connec-
4 tion with a bona fide job training or apprenticeship pro-
5 gram, exceed the poverty line (as defined in section
6 673(2)) of the Community Service Block Grant Act (42
7 U.S.C. 9902(2)) for a family of 4 in the area in which
8 such contract or subcontract will be executed. For pur-
9 poses of this subsection, the term “wages” includes any
10 benefits made available with wages such as health insur-
11 ance.

12 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to
13 contracts between an executive agency and a business en-
14 tity with 50 or fewer employees.

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