

Assemblyman On Minimum Wage Hike Bill: 'A Nice Little Press Release'

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Assembly Republicans are expressing their disapproval with Speaker Sheldon Silver's legislation that will increase the minimum wage to \$9 an hour at a hearing this afternoon.

Assemblyman Al Graf just got finished noting that this specific bill has no sponsor in the Senate and that it is basically a one-house bill. "All this amounts to is a nice little press release," Graf said. Democratic Keith Wright is the bill's sponsor in the Assembly.

Silver decided to bring the wage increase to a vote today as negotiations over a minimum wage increase continue between the Senate, Governor and Assembly.

Senate Republicans [have acknowledged an increase is likely](#) but they want to pair it with tax cuts.

Meanwhile, the breakaway Independent Senate Democrats support a wage hike as well.

They issued a press release moments ago saying, "Senator Klein strongly supports a minimum wage increase and expects to see an increase passed as part of this year's budget package."

You can [watch the debate in the Assembly here](#) .

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