$15 minimum wage becomes a part of the presidential landscape

Multiple states across the nation have more than doubled the federal minimum wage to $15 an hour, and some have pledged to reach even higher on fast-tracked schedules. How have labor unions influenced the wage conversation that all the 2020 presidential candidates must now address?

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Five states are considering legislation that would affect restaurant operations. Keep an eye on developments to see if the ideas get nationwide traction.

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