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## Guam buildup construction wages to match Hawaii's

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HONOLULU (AP) - U.S. **Rep. Neil Abercrombie** says the House Armed Services Committee has given final approval to a bill affecting the U.S. military buildup on Guam.

The Hawaii Democrat says the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act requires the minimum wage for all Guam construction projects be at the prevailing wage level for similar work in Hawaii.

He said Wednesday that foreign workers won't be allowed to do more than 30 percent of the work on the projects.

The U.S. military is moving 8,000 Marines and their family members to Guam from Okinawa to lessen the burden of hosting the troops on the southern Japanese region.

More than half of the U.S. troops in Japan are stationed in Okinawa. The buildup will cost at least \$15 billion. Japan is covering \$6 billion of the bill.