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"SEASONAL" PETITION OF LUMBERMEN  
TO BE HEARD JANUARY 16

A hearing was set for January 16, 1939, on the application of three branches of the lumber industry for partial exemption from the hours requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act as a seasonal industry. This action was taken today by Administrator Elmer F. Andrews of the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor, on the application of three groups: the Northeastern Lumber Manufacturing Association and other lumber men of New England and New York; the Timber Producers' Association of Minnesota and other mid-western lumber men, and on the application of a group of southern lumber men. In the first two instances, it was contended that the period of operations is limited because the industry can function only during seasons when sledding is possible, while in the south, water supply conditions were advanced as a reason for seasonal exemption.

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