

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Wage and Hour Division
Washington

APPAREL LEARNERS' HEARING POSTPONED

The date for the hearing to review the findings and determination of the presiding officer, previously issued on applications of members of the apparel industry, for permission to employ learners at wages lower than the minimum provided for in the Fair Labor Standards Act, today was changed from July 18 to July 31.

In announcing the change in date, Administrator Elmer F. Andrews of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, said that interested parties had requested additional time.

Deputy Administrator Paul Sifton has been designated by Administrator Andrews to preside at the hearing, which will be held in the Hotel Raleigh beginning at 10:00 A.M. Formal notice changing the date of the hearing will appear in the Federal Register Saturday, July 15.

At the original hearing on the application for learners in the apparel industry as a whole, Merle D. Vincent, Chief of the Hearings and Exemptions Section of the Wage and Hour Division, denied the industry-wide application but laid down rules under which individual employers might apply for learners.

The Apparel Industry Committee has recommended to Administrator Andrews that minimum wages in that industry be set at from $32\frac{1}{2}$ cents to 40 cents an hour, dependent upon the kind of apparel being manufactured. There are 30 classifications of goods in the recommendation with wage scales recommended at $32\frac{1}{2}$ cents, 35 cents, $37\frac{1}{2}$ cents and 40 cents. The formal recommendation of the Committee has not yet been received by the Administrator. When it is submitted, he will then set a date for a hearing on the Industry Committee's recommendation, similar to those he recently conducted on the cotton textile industry and the hosiery industry.

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