

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
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MILLINERY INDUSTRY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Karl de Schweinitz of Philadelphia, Chairman of Industry Committee No. 5, for the millinery industry, announced today that the subcommittee he appointed to draft the formal report and recommendations of the committee to Administrator Elmer F. Andrews of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, had approved a draft of the report.

On June 2, 1939, the Committee, by a vote of 14 to 1, recommended to the Administrator that a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour be established for all employees in the millinery industry.

It is estimated that 3,500 of the 23,500 employees in the industry would receive increases in wages if the committee's recommendations should be accepted by the Administrator.

The report of the subcommittee now will be submitted to all members of the full millinery industry committee for final approval. When signatures have been received, and the report submitted formally to the Administrator, he will set a date for the public hearing, as provided for in the Act, at which all interested parties may appear and testify either for or against the recommendation.

It is anticipated that the Administrator will give approximately two weeks' notice, after receiving the report, before holding the public hearing.

It is expected that a minority report by L. D. Thompson, of Atlanta, Georgia, who dissented from the recommendation of the majority, will be transmitted to the Administrator at the same time that he receives the majority report.

Members of the subcommittee of the millinery industry committee who prepared the report are Mrs. Elizabeth Brandeis Raushenbush, on the staff of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin; Max Zaritsky of New York; and George Sherman of St. Louis. Mr. de Schweinitz sat with the committee as an ex officio member.