

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
Washington, D. C.

ANDREWS APPROVES $32\frac{1}{2}$ CENTS-AN-HOUR
MINIMUM WAGE IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Elmer F. Andrews, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, today issued the following statement:

"I have decided to approve the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 1 for the textile industry and to make the minimum wage order based thereon effective October 24. Industry Committee No. 1 recommended a minimum rate of $32\frac{1}{2}$ cents an hour for this industry. Hearings were held on this recommendation in Washington and in Atlanta, Georgia, and I find that the recommendation was made in accordance with law, is supported by the evidence adduced at the hearings, and, taking into consideration the same factors as are required to be considered by the Industry Committee, will carry out the purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

"It appears that the 24th of October will be a convenient date for placing this recommendation into effect. On this date the statutory minimum wage for all workers covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act, whatever their industry, changes from 25 cents an hour to 30 cents an hour. I am announcing my decision now in order to give the industry adequate time to adjust itself to the $32\frac{1}{2}$ cents an hour minimum wage. My findings and order will be issued at least 15 days in advance of October 24."