

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
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CONNECTICUT AND MINNESOTA LABOR DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE INSPECTIONS FOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

The signing of agreements between the Wage and Hour Division and the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor and the Labor Departments of Connecticut and Minnesota, under which these agencies will make inspections and investigations for the Wage and Hour Division and the Children's Bureau was announced today.

The agreements, which in general follow that reached last November with the State Labor Department of North Carolina, were signed by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division and Katharine F. Lenroot, Chief of the Children's Bureau. Both were approved by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins.

Both agreements conform to regulations issued September 21, 1939, which provide the formula for the utilization of state agencies for investigations and inspections under the Wage-Hour Law. Each agreement, however, was accompanied by a plan which differs according to the method of operation in each of the State Labor Departments.

In the agreements, full responsibility for investigations and inspections are vested in officials of the State Labor Departments who will maintain contact with the Regional officials of the Wage and Hour Division.

Under the Connecticut agreement, the State Department of Labor and Factory Inspection will set up a Fair Labor Standards Division under the specific supervision of Morgan Mooney, Deputy Commissioner of Labor in Connecticut. Under him will be an executive assistant who will handle the detailed administration of the field and office staff engaged in enforcement of the Federal Wage-Hour Law. He will coordinate this work with that of other bureaus of the State Department so as to prevent duplication of investigations and inspections. (4872)

To carry out the terms of the agreement, the Connecticut Department will add to its staff an analyst, accounting clerk, secretary to the executive assistant, a deputy commissioner of labor, stenographer, senior inspector, and four pay roll inspectors.

In Minnesota, the State Industrial Commission's Division of Women and Children will be the active agency in carrying out the agreement. Six new inspectors will be added to the Minnesota State Department, one of whom will be designated as assistant chief of the Division of Women and Children. Two stenographic clerks will also be added to take care of the clerical work provided for in the agreement.

The agreements provide that the State Departments will be reimbursed by the Wage and Hour Division and the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor for salaries and other expenses incurred in enforcement of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Headquarters of the investigation staff in Minnesota will be in the State Office Building in St. Paul, and for Connecticut in the State Department of Labor at Hartford.

Both agreements provide that representatives of either the Wage and Hour Division or the Children's Bureau may conduct any investigations or inspections deemed necessary for the effective administration of the Wage and Hour Law. Attorneys of the Wage and Hour Division and the Children's Bureau will be available for consultation with the staff of the State Departments.

In Connecticut the State Department will maintain direct contacts with George B. Kelly, Regional Director of the Wage and Hour Division for the States of New York and Connecticut and in Minnesota with L. A. Hill, Acting Regional Director for Minnesota.

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