

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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WAGE-HOUR COMMITTEE SCHEDULES HEARINGS FOR PUERTO RICAN  
NEEDLEWORK INDUSTRY

Monsignor Francis J. Haas, Chairman of the Special Industry Committee appointed by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, to determine minimum wage rates for Puerto Rico, as authorized by recent congressional amendment, announced today that the committee will begin sessions Friday, September 27. The committee will meet in the Chamber of Commerce at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The public hearing before the special committee will begin Monday, September 30. The purpose of the committee meetings at this time will be to receive evidence from Puerto Ricans representing employers and employees, and to give such evidence consideration in making recommendations for a minimum wage in the needlework industry of Puerto Rico.

Any person who, in the opinion of the committee or its duly authorized sub-committee, has a substantial interest in the proceeding and is prepared to present material pertinent to the question under consideration, may appear on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person. Witnesses wishing to appear must file with Charles A. Wood, Territorial Representative of the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor, El Banco Popular Building, San Juan, Puerto Rico, not later than September 21, a notice of Intention to Appear. Witnesses should state the length of time their testimony will take. Testimony is taken under oath.

Written statements of persons who cannot appear personally will be considered by the committee provided twenty copies thereof are received not later than September 21 by Mr. Wood.

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