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## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION Washington

CONVERTED PAPER PRODUCTS INDUSTRY RECOMMENDS 40, 38, 36-CENT RATES

Minimum wage rates of 40 cents, 38 cents and 36 cents an hour for the manufacture of various articles from paper have been recommended by the Converted Paper Products Industry Committee, the chairman, Wayne Lyman Morse, dean of the Unitersity of Oregon Law School, Eugene, Oregon, reported informally today to Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

The hourly rates of approximately 25,000 men and women employed in 2,120 establishments located in every major industrial center of the country will be raised if these rates are approved by the Administrator after a public hearing at which interested parties may appear for or against the recommendations.

Rates below the recommended minimums were found to exist in nearly all the cities where the industry is located. The total number of personn employed in the industry is approximately 200,000.

The informal report, sent in advance of an official report, which is being drafted by a sub-committee, follows:

"Colonel Philip B. Fleming Administrator Wage and Hour Division U. S. Department of Labor Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Floming:

Industry Committee No. 14 for the Converted Paper Products Industry under the Fair Labor Standards Act today voted to recommend minimum wages of 40, 38 and 36 cents an hour according to a products classification. The minima recommended for the various products are as follows: