

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

40 CENT MINIMUM RECOMMENDED FOR PORTABLE LAMP WORKERS

A report by an industry committee recommending a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour for all wage earners in the portable lamp and shade industry was received today by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. The report was signed by Max Meyer, of New York, chairman of the committee, and by all the eighteen members of the committee in regard to the manufacture of portable lamps, and by 15 members of the committee in regard to the manufacture of shades.

If approved by the Administrator the 40 cent rate will increase the wages of more than half the workers in this industry, which employs about 10,000 men and women, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and which is located largely in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago.

The committee requested that if the Administrator approved its recommendation, he defer the effective date until three months after such approval.

Colonel Fleming will soon schedule a public hearing on the committee's recommendations at which any interested person may appear. At the close of this hearing, the Administrator can either approve or disapprove the recommendations. If he approves, he will issue a wage order having the force of law.

The Portable Lamp and Shade Industry Committee is the seventeenth reporting a recommendation under Section 8 of the Fair Labor Standards Act which authorizes the Administrator to act on the recommendations of industry committees by advancing whole industries toward the 40-cent minimum goal of the law where this can be done without substantially curtailing employment.