

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

WOOD FURNITURE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY COMMITTEE APPOINTED
TO MEET JUNE 17

A committee will meet in Washington on June 17 to investigate economic and competitive conditions in the wood furniture manufacturing industry for the purpose of recommending a minimum wage, not in excess of 40 cents an hour, which will not substantially curtail employment in the industry, General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, announced today. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B of the Interdepartmental Auditorium on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Members of the Committee are:

For the Public:

William Homer Spencer, Chairman, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Leslie H. Buckler, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
Clyde E. Dankert, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
G. Allan Dash, Jr., University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Royal E. Montgomery, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
George E. Osborne, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California
Arthur F. Raper, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Greensboro, Georgia
William G. Rice, Jr., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

For the Employers:

Gilbert H. Bosse, Imperial Desk Co. (Office desks and tables), Evansville, Ind.
C. Arthur Bruce, E. L. Bruce Co. (Hardwood dimension, hardwood lumber, flooring, softwood lumber, interior trim, furniture parts), Memphis, Tenn.
T. Austin Finch, Thomasville Chair Co. (Bedroom, dining room living room, breakfast, novelty and upholstered living room furniture), Thomasville, N. C.
M. C. Jones, Gettysburg Furniture Co. (Case goods and tables), Gettysburg, Pa.
John E. Justice, Oak Furniture Co. (Bedroom Furniture, household desks, etc.),
North Wilkesboro, North Carolina
F. H. Mueller, Mueller Furniture Co. (Upholstered furniture), Grand Rapids, Mich.
R. M. Simmons, American Furniture Co. (Bedroom and dining room furniture),
Martinsville, Virginia
.. H. Stone, Nichols and Stone (Chairs), Gardner, Mass.

For the Employees:

Robert J. Watt, American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C.
Howard Bennett, Indianapolis, Ind., and M. A. Hutcheson, Indianapolis, Ind., both
of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America (A. F. L.)
Sal B. Hoffman, Philadelphia, Pa., Upholsterers' International Union of North
America (A. F. L.)

Paul R. Christopher, Tennessee State Industrial Council (C. I. O.), Knoxville, Tenn.
Ernest Marsh, Los Angeles, California; Morris Muster, New York City; and Morris
Pizer, New York City, all of the United Furniture Workers of America (C. I. O.)

In selecting the labor membership of this committee, the Administrator
appointed an equal number of representatives from the American Federation of Labor
and the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

It is estimated that there are approximately 142,000 employees in the industry,
of which about 51,000 are receiving less than 40 cents an hour.

Persons whom the Committee or its representative considers substantially
interested may appear at the hearing provided that not later than June 12 a notice
of intention to appear is filed with Burton E. Oppenheim, Director of the Industry
Committee Branch, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.
This notice must give the name and address of the person appearing, name and address
of the person or persons he is representing, if any; a brief summary of the material
to be presented, and the approximate length of time required.

The Wood Furniture Manufacturing Industry is defined as:

"The manufacturing, assembling, upholstering, and finishing, from wood, reed,
rattan, willow, and fiber, of upholstered and other household, office, lawn, camp,
porch, and juvenile and toy furniture, including but without limitation porcelain
top breakfast furniture and radio, phonograph and sewing machine cases and cabinets
the manufacturing and assembling, from wood, of furniture parts for the above,
separately, set up or knocked down including but without limitation parlor furniture
frames and chairs in the white.

"The manufacturing of any products covered under this definition shall be
deemed to begin following the delivery of the wood from the kiln or from the air-
dried dimension shed."

The recommendations for a minimum wage in the industry will cover all
occupations necessary to the production of the articles specified in the definition,
including clerical, maintenance, shipping and selling occupations; but does not in-
clude and employees of an independent wholesaler or employees of a manufacturer
who are engaged exclusively in marketing and distributing products of the industry
which have been purchased for resale.