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WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 40 CENT MINIMUM FOR WOMEN'S  
APPAREL INDUSTRY

A committee for the Women's Apparel Industry by a majority vote today (Wednesday) recommended the establishment of a 40-cents-an-hour minimum wage to General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division. If approved by the Administrator this rate will increase the wages of more than 60,000 workers in the industry.

Chairman Charles O. Gregory of the University of Chicago Law School will transmit the report of the Committee to the Administrator tomorrow. The Committee suggested in their report that September 15, 1941 be made the effective date of the wage rate. Incorporated in the report was a resolution unanimously adopted by the Committee which stated that, "in view of statements made to it, the Committee regarded it as important that the Administrator give sympathetic consideration to the possibility of liberalization of the learner regulations under the law."

The Women's Apparel Industry includes:

"The production of women's, misses', and juniors' dresses, washable service garments, blouses, and neckwear from woven or purchased knit fabric; women's, misses', children's and infants' underwear, nightwear, and negligees from woven fabric; corsets and other body supporting garments from any material; other garments similar to the foregoing; and infants' and children's outerwear."

A public hearing will be held in Washington at which all interested persons will be given an opportunity to present testimony for or against the recommended rate. Date of the hearing will be announced shortly.

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