

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

THIRD TEXTILE COMMITTEE TO MEET JANUARY 21

Appointment of a third committee to recommend a minimum wage in the textile industry was announced today by Thomas Holland, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. The industry includes all textiles except knitted and woven goods. The committee will meet in Room 3229 of the Department of Labor at 10 a.m. January 21.

Alexander Hamilton Frey, Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania, will be chairman. The committee will have twenty-four members, an enlargement of the committee of twenty-one which recommended the 37-1/2 cent minimum for the industry now in effect. The highest minimum the committee can recommend is 40 cents an hour.

In addition to the chairman, new members of the committee are Mrs. Elizabeth Brandeis Raushenbush, Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin; Robert Preston Brooks, Dean of the School of Commerce, University of Georgia; Edward Everett Hale, Professor of Economics, University of Texas; and Jennings Perry, Editor of the Nashville Tennessean, all public members. New members of the employee group are Francis J. Gorman, President of the United Textile Workers of America (A.F. of L.); Anthony Valente, also representing the A. F. of L.; and George Baldanzi, representing the Textile Workers Union of America (C.I.O.). Carl E. Steiger of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a rug manufacturer, was added to the employer group.

The definition of the industry has been changed to include the manufacture of non-wool carpets and rugs. This has been done by the addition of paragraph (i): "The manufacturing, dyeing, finishing or processing of rugs or carpets from grass, paper, or from any yarn or fiber except yarn containing any wool but not including the manufacturing by hand of such products."

The 37-1/2 cent wage order which went into effect June 30, 1941, increased the wage rate of about 300,000 workers in the industry as previously defined. Subsequent wage increases in the industry have brought the earnings of many of these above the 40 cent rate.

The present minimum wage for the manufacture of non-wool carpets and rugs is 35 cents an hour.

Any person wishing to present evidence to the committee may arrange to do so by writing to Albourne B. Long, Acting Director, Industry Committee Branch, Wage and Hour Division, Washington, D. C.

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