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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
165 W. 46th St.  
New York, N. Y.

SETS PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 30 ON 40-CENT PER HOUR MINIMUM WAGE  
RECOMMENDATION FOR LUGGAGE, LEATHER GOODS, AND WOMEN'S  
HANDBAG INDUSTRY

Public hearing on a proposed minimum wage rate of 40 cents per hour for the luggage, leather goods, and women's handbag industry was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

The hearing will open at 10 a.m. March 30, 1942, before Major Robert N. Campbell, Washington, D. C. Persons interested in presenting evidence at the hearing are requested to file a notice of such intention at the office of the Wage and Hour Division at Washington, D. C., not later than March 24.

The present minimum wage rate in the industry is 35 cents per hour, which was established by the Administrator January 6, 1941, upon the recommendation of a committee which studied economic conditions in the industry in the summer of 1940. The 40-cent per hour recommendation was filed with the Administrator by another committee, following study of conditions in the industry in February of this year.

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