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PUBLIC HEARING ON GRAIN PRODUCTS INDUSTRY MINIMUM WAGE SET FOR  
APRIL 20

A public hearing will be held in Washington April 20 on the recommendation of a committee that the minimum wage in the Grain Products Industry be raised to 40 cents per hour, it was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. Major Robert N. Campbell was designated to preside at the hearing. The session will open at 10 a.m. in Room 3229 of the United States Department of Labor Building, Washington, D. C.

The recommendation of the committee was filed with the Administrator following study of economic conditions in the industry. It would affect workers engaged in handling, warehousing and storing grain, when performed in connection with milling operations, and the processing of grain or alfalfa into feeds or food products. The production of bakery products, such as bread, cakes, pastries and macaroni, however, would not be affected.

Should the Administrator issue a wage order establishing 40 cents as the minimum wage for these workers, approximately 19,500 of the 64,000 workers engaged in the industry would receive direct wage increases. The minimum wage now is 30 cents an hour, the statutory minimum under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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