

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR AND PUBLIC CONTRACTS DIVISIONS
165 West 46th Street
New York City

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO RECOMMEND MINIMUM WAGE IN METAL ORE, COAL, PETROLEUM, AND
NATURAL GAS EXTRACTION INDUSTRIES

An Industry Committee of 18, with members from 11 states and the District of Columbia, has been appointed to recommend a minimum hourly wage rate for the Metal Ore, Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas Extraction Industries, according to an announcement made today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the U. S. Department of Labor.

The Committee, headed by Royal E. Montgomery, of Cornell University, Ithaca, will meet on September 28, 1943 at 165 West 46th Street, New York, N. Y., headquarters of the Wage and Hour Division.

The function of the Committee, which is the sixty-sixth to be appointed under provisions of the Wage-Hour Law, is to investigate conditions in the industries and then to recommend to Administrator Walling the highest minimum wage rate (above) 30 cents but not to exceed 40 cents) that will not substantially curtail employment, giving due regard to economic and competitive conditions in the industries.

Administrator Walling pointed out that the applicability of the overtime and exemption provisions of the Act will not be affected by any recommendation of the Committee.

The full committee is as follows:

For the Public:

Royal E. Montgomery, Chairman, Ithaca, N. Y.
Harold E. Fey, Chicago, Ill.
Paul F. Gemmill, Philadelphia, Pa.
Robert D. Gray, Pasadena, Calif.
Maurice Merrill, Norman, Okla.
George W. Stocking, Austin, Texas

For the Employers:

J. M. Banks, Los Angeles, Calif.
Max H. Barber, Cleveland, Ohio
W. C. Broadgate, Prescott, Arizona
Charles P. McGaha, Wichita Falls, Texas
M. L. Garvey, McComas, W. Va.
William W. Inglis, Scranton, Pa.

For the Employees:

Charles H. Fell, Washington, D. C.
Joseph R. Kelahan, Alton, Illinois
Thomas Murray, Anaconda, Montana
Lester Thomas, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Lloyd A. Thrush, Springfield, Illinois
Homer Wilson, Strawberry Plains, Tenn.