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FUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 18 TO CONSIDER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION OF A 40 CENT MINIMUM WAGE IN THE METAL ORE, COAL, PETROLEUM, AND NATURAL GAS EXTRACTION INDUSTRIES

November 18 has been designated as the date on which a public hearing will be held to determine whether an industry committee recommendation of a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour in the Metal Ore, Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas Extraction Industries should be adopted.

This was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the U. S. Department of Labor, who added that the hearing will be held at the offices of the Divisions, 165 West 46th Street, New York, N. Y. At the hearing Administrator Walling or someone designated by him will hear testimony and take evidence either supporting the industry committee's recommendation or in opposition to it.

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