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Initiation of a study to determine the reasonable cost to sugar mills of lodging, fuel, medical attention and other perquisites furnished to employees in the Territory of Hawaii was announced today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage-Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

Two representatives of the National Office of the Division are being sent to Hawaii for the study, after the completion of which hearings will be held at an early date, Mr. Walling said. Under Section 3(m) of the Fair Labor Standards Act the reasonable cost of such perquisites becomes a factor in determining whether the minimum wage and overtime requirements have been complied with.

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