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WIDE INTEREST SHOWN IN WAGE-HOUR LAW "WHITE COLLAR" EXEMPTIONS HEARING DEC. 2

Widespread interest by employers and employees, chiefly through trade associations and unions, has been evidenced in a public hearing to be held December 2 to consider revisions in regulations governing so-called "white collar" employee exemptions under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

This was announced today by Wm. R. McComb, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor, who scheduled the hearing a month ago. The hearing will open at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 2, in the Departmental Auditorium Building, Washington. It is expected to continue for several weeks.

The Divisions' regulations (Part 541) were adopted in 1940, to establish "tests" for exemption from the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Wage and Hour Law for employees found to be employed in "executive," "administrative," "professional," "outside salesman" and "local retailing capacity" positions. All of the "tests" in the regulations, including those of salary, will be open for reconsideration, McComb said.

Notices of intention to appear at the hearings were accepted by the Administrator through November 20, but briefs in lieu of appearances may be filed as late as December 2. Examination of the list of scheduled witnesses may be made at the Divisions' offices in the Department of Labor.

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