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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
Wage and Hour Division  
Washington

Washington, D. C., August 29.—Elmer F. Andrews, Administrator of the Fair Labor Standards Act, today issued the following statement:

"An informal preliminary discussion will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 1938, at 10 a.m. with certain persons interested in the procedures involved in the appointment of a tobacco industry committee. This preliminary meeting is primarily for the purpose of discussing the need for the application of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act to the Tobacco Industry through an industry committee or committees. This discussion is in no sense formal and the persons attending have been asked to assist with advice. The attendance can in no way indicate the eventual scope of coverage if an industry committee is appointed. One purpose of the meeting is to define, with respect to the law, the scope of the industry and the relation of the various branches.

"Among those invited are representatives of labor, large tobacco companies, manufacturers of smoking and chewing tobacco, and snuff."