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Office of the Administrator

Mr. Elmer F. Andrews, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division today (Wednesday) issued the following statement:

"At an informal preliminary conference held today to discuss the need for and the scope of an industry committee for the Tobacco Industry, the persons interested in the establishment of such a committee gave information, advice, and suggestions as to the definition of the industry, the size of the committee and the need for a certain technical subcommittee.

"It was generally agreed that, with the establishment of a technical subcommittee on the problem of stemming or stripping which committee could service the main committee, for the Tobacco Industry and a committee for the Cigar Industry, it would be more practical to establish two industry committees, one for Cigars and another for Cigarettes, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco and Snuff.

It was thought that a committee of 9 persons—3 representing employers; 3 representing labor; and 3 representing the public, with a public member acting as chairman as required by the Act—would be adequate to make minimum wage recommendations for the Cigar Industry.

For the tobacco industry, including smoking and chewing tobacco, and snuff, it appeared that a committee of 15—5 representing the public, 5 representing employers, and 5 representing labor—might be required.

The tobacco committee, it was recommended, should include representatives of the small employer, the medium sized employer and the large employer, manufacturers of plug tobacco and a representative of independent leaf dealers.

In the discussion of the division of the industry, it was pointed out by a chewing tobacco manufacturer that tobacco, other than cigars, might be broken into two general groups: (1) "smoking"; and (2) "chewing-and-spitting."

The Administrator stated that the suggestions as to the definition of the industry and the make-up of the committees and subcommittees would be put into study at once and a draft definition prepared. Proposals by members of the conference for employer members of the committees were requested.

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TOBACCO CONFERENCE—August 31, 1938 (Wednesday) 10:00 A.M.

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