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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
Washington

Trade associations in the textile industry today (Thursday) were asked by the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor to analyze the possible effect of forthcoming minimum wage orders upon their industries. The request was made by Industry Committee No. 1, covering cotton, rayon and silk textiles, which will recommend the initial wage rates under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

Donald M. Nelson, Chairman of the Committee, requested specifically reports on:

1. The probable effect in the branches of the textile industry of a minimum wage order applying to the textile industry, as defined, a minimum rate of (a) 30 cents; (b) 35 cents; (c) 40 cents.

2. An indication of what the trade association believed should be the relation of the wage in each branch covered to the minimum wage in the textile industry.

Trade associations other than those receiving the request from Committee Chairman Nelson can also be heard by writing to Administrator Andrews of the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor.

These reports, together with data prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, will aid the committee in the formation of its recommendation to Administrator Andrews on minimum wage standards for the textile industry.

The committee asked that particular attention be devoted to determining what effect minimum wages would have on manufacturer and consumer costs and on volume of sales and employment; and in addition that the various reports outline, if possible, the competitive relationships between the various branches of the textile industry.

Various factors affecting classification within industries, as dealt with under Section 8-c of the Act, were called to the attention of the trade associations. They were urged to present any problem arising thereunder in their analysis.

The trade associations receiving the requests were:

Rayon & Synthetic Yarn Producing Assn.,  
51 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

National Rayon Weavers Assn.,  
40 Worth Street, New York, N. Y.

International Silk Guild,  
250 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Silk Commission Manufacturers Assn.,  
c/o A. Brennan, Paterson, N. J.

Silk Dyers' Assn. of America  
561 Madison Avenue, Paterson, N. J.

Waste Manufacturers Assn.,  
c/o C. Lochman, Main and Carson Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

American Cotton Waste and Linter Exchange,  
222 Summer Street, Boston, Mass.

National Association of Waste Material Producers  
400 W. Madison Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

National Association of Dry Goods Batting Manufacturers,  
P. O. Box 109, Lockland, Ohio.

Associated Batting Manufacturers,  
411 N. Seventh St., St. Louis, Mo.

Narros Fabrics Institute,  
309 State Street, New London, Conn.

Woven Elastic Institute,  
51 Winthrop Street, Boston, Mass.

Associated Bias Binding Industries,  
18 E. 41st, New York, N. Y.

Associated Braid and Body Hat Processors,  
c/o Siegel and Corn, 280 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Bias Tape Institute,  
1170 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Millinery and Dress Trimming, Braid and Textile Assn.,  
37 W. 39th Street, New York, N. Y.

National Association of Coated Shoe Tape Mfrs.,  
329 La Grange, West Roxbury, Boston, Mass.

W. I. Parker, Allied Drapery and Upholstery Trimming Assn.,  
7 E. 44th Street, New York, N. Y.

National Upholstery and Drapery Textile Assn.,  
185 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

United Upholstery Manufacturers Assn.,  
4th and Cambria Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

Upholstery and Decorative Fabrics Assn.,  
515 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

Velvet Manufacturers Association,  
(Frank R. Wheeler, Pres.),  
10 West 39th Street, New York, N. Y.

Cordage Institute,  
350 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

Cosmopolitan Twine and Paper Assn.,  
250 E. 161 St., New York, N. Y.

National Twine and Cordage Assn.,  
44 N. Front St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Soft Fibre Institute,  
9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

U. S. Hemp Brokers Assn.,  
90 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.

Silk Manufacturers Assn.,  
132 Market Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

Burlap Assn.,  
150 Washington St., New York, N. Y.

National Flax Tow Manufacturers Assn.,  
1695 Hewitt Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Solid Braid Cord Manufacturers Assn.,  
1405 Healy Bldg., Atlanta, Georgia.

American Lace Manufacturers Assn.,  
1 West 34th Street, New York, N. Y.

Lace and Embroidery Assn.,  
45 E. 17th Street, New York, N. Y.

Embroidery Manufacturers Assn.,  
728 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Yarn Dyers' Assn.,  
381 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Mercerizers Assn. of America,  
468 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Northwest Textile Assn.,  
Morgan Building, Portland, Oregon.

Textile Fabrics Assn.,  
40 Worth St., New York, N. Y.

National Cotton Fibers Assn.,  
666 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

Associated Weaving Industries,  
143 W. 20th St., New York, N. Y.

Weaving Specialties Assn.,  
2100 W. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Throwsters Research Institute,  
468 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Cotton Textile Institute,  
320 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

National Association of Cotton Mfrs.,  
C/o Russell Fisher,  
80 Federal Street, Boston, Mass.

American Cotton Mfrs. Assn.,  
C/o W. D. Anderson,  
Macon, Georgia.

Middle States Textile Mfrs. Assn.,  
228 Washington Street, Cannelton, Indiana.

Southern Textile Association,  
118 W. 34th Street, Charlotte, N. C.

National Federation of Textiles,  
10 E. 40th Street, New York, N. Y.

National Association of Textile Dyers & Finishers,  
465 Main Street, Cambridge, Mass.

National Association of Textile Printing Colorists,  
465 S. Main Street, Cambridge, Mass.

National Textile Processors Guild,  
386 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Textile Converters Assn.,  
1450 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Textile Refinishers Assn.,  
1450 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Independent Dyers & Printers Assn.,  
140 Market Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

Print Cloth Group of Cotton Manufacturers,  
Caroline Avenue, Clinton, South Carolina.

Dyers & Finishers Assn. of America,  
329 Main Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

National Assoc. of Finishers of Textile Fabrics,  
40 Worth Street, New York, N. Y.