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WAGES AND MAXIMUM HOURS FOR ALL PERSONS EMPLOYED
IN INTERSTATE INDUSTRY, WITH CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS,

✓ H. B. 55 (Mr. Whalen) AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM
WAGES AND MAXIMUM HOURS FOR ALL PERSONS EMPLOYED
IN INTERSTATE INDUSTRY, WITH CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS,
which is a S. B.,

✓ S. B. 910 (Sen. Rourke) AN ACT CONCERNING WAGES
AND HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT.

S. B. 913 (Sen. Rourke) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
AMENDMENT OF THE MINIMUM WAGE ACT,

✓ S. B. 17 (Sen. Culhane) AN ACT CONCERNING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF FAIR LABOR STANDARDS IN EMPLOY-
MENT WITHIN THE STATE.

and we will take up in order.

Mr. Goldman: Mr. Chairman, I am not speaking as a member of the League of Women Voters, but I am speaking for the working man of the State and the working woman of the State. I presented S. B. 910 at the request of one of our citizens, and I believe as the Chairman has read, there are four other bills all dealing with the same subject matter. I believe there are other speakers who will collaborate more thoroughly on the functions of the various bills. Now we have no objection to this hearing and therefore I will concede to the proponents of the other bills in the hopes that the facts incorporated in this one will be contained in the bill that your Committee will report favorably on.

John J. Egan: Mr. Chairman, Bill 32, S. B. 32 is the bill of the Conn. Federation of Labor, and this bill has been drafted by the American Federation of Labor to be introduced in each of the States throughout the entire country. As a bill it entered State legislation pertaining to maximum hours and minimum wages and the purpose of the introduction of this bill is that the bill that was passed by Congress excluded from the bill legislation that the National Administration thought that they would have difficulty in administering, at least that the Federal Government would have in administering, excluding from it the mercantile establishment unless you could show more than 50% went over the line and excluding from it bus and lines and excluding from it the drug industry and in other words, industries

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it seems that the salesmen ought to be given the right if he had a poor morning in selling, that he could put a few more hours in in the afternoon. According to these bills his time is limited the same as it is on any other line and these salesmen seem to think that it will nozzle their business, it will be the sales forces, that is, any employee, sales forces, as well as there would, forces will be reduced or if increased the earnings of the other, of those now working will be reduced. Further, I don't know how much this applies, as I understand it to men that are employed or residents so to speak of Connecticut? There are salesmen from outside the State that goes in and to sell goods. I don't know how they will be regulated in connection with the salesmen in Connecticut, whether they will have to compete or not and whether their time will be limited while they are in the State, and therefore on behalf of these manufacturers I will leave a couple of letters with you and the salesmen I, we object to the passage of the bill.

^{C.P.}
Representative Harper, of Middlebury: I would like to touch on the phase of the milk industry as far as wages and hours are concerned and wonder if the members of your Committee realize that you pay 14 cents for milk and apparently sold for 5 and wonder if you realize one of the big items is wages and hours.

Chr. Moylan: Do you mind if I interrupt a moment on S. B. 913 the amendment of the minimum wage act. Mr. Mooney was here to speak for this bill I think, but if it would meet everybody's approval we rather put it off until the next session and apparently we are going on much longer than I anticipated. Is there any objection to that? And then S. B. 913 will be held at the next session of the Labor Committee.

Mr. Egan: Mr. Chairman, as I understand 913 will not be necessary if you pass this bill 32 which I have introduced here. Is that correct?

Chr. Moylan: Probably wont. Well on that again, I have a conference with Mr. Mooney and he probably will speak on it so if anybody wants to speak on it we can hear it now.

Mr. Harper: We have approximately 100 farmers offering milk to a cooperative creamery and we have approximately 25 or 30 in that creamery and they are all satisfied with job and wages. Now just recently there is an effort on foot to compel these men that are working for us, if I might say, to join the Union and get more money and get shorter hours and I just for one can't see the justice about and I think

people in that Dept. to administer the law because we have a Minimum Wage Dept. under the law and it will not be more expense, and I am satisfied and include in the way demonstrated.

Mr. Moran: Mr. Egan you would be willing to exemption as far as boys are concerned and young men?

MR. EGAN: I would not have any objection to excluding.

Mr. Francis: How about laundrymen?

Mr. Egan: No.

Mr. Francis: Painters?

Mr. Egan: No, most emphatically, no.

Chr. Moylan: I think that we have heard all and I will close the hearing.

Paul Adams: S. B. 913, the one Mr. Mooney introduced, the Conn. Mfg. Assn. wants to appear in opposition to it on the ground it has only been used in two or three cases and there is no evidence of any hardship having been worked because the provision proposes to be changed.

Mrs. Paterson French, Industrial Relations Club of New Haven and Conn. Conf. on Soc. & Labor Legislation, in favor of S. B. 913

J. F. Reardon, Hartford, opposes S. B. 910

^{W.C.}
Rep. ^A Raynsford, Salisbury, opposed to S. B. 910-17-32.

^{A.S.}
Sen. ^A Secor of 21st favors everything except married and opposed to that.

Max Beit, New London, favors food bill and opposes 48 hour law.

Nathan Beit, Norwich, opposes 48 hour labor grocer bill.

Mrs. H. Shulman, Industrial Relations, City of New Haven, favors S. B. 910

Miss Warner, New Milford, against 519 and 1454.

^{M.A.}
Mitchell, ^A Rep. from Greenwich, opposes 519 and 1454.

^{A.S.}
Carignan, ^A Rep., opposed to married women.

^{M.A.}
Hane, ^A Stonington: Opposed to 1454 and 519.

^{C.H.}
Ledwith, ^A Sen., favors S. B. 913-32-910