

### Minimum Wage Bill Reported to Senate

The Senate Labor Committee has reported a minimum wage bill (S.1861) which would expand farm worker coverage.

THE SENATE BILL would:

(1) Increase the general minimum wage from \$1.60 an hour to \$2.00 an hour 60 days after enactment, and \$2.20 one year later. In the case of certain groups first covered by minimum wage laws in 1966, the minimum would go to \$1.80 sixty days after enactment, \$2.00 a year later, and \$2.20 two years later.

(2) Increase the farm minimum wage from \$1.30 an hour to \$1.60 sixty days after enactment, \$1.80 a year later, \$2.00 in two years, and \$2.20 in three years.

(3) Repeal the overtime exemption of agricultural processing and handling operations.

(4) Expand farm worker coverage by repealing the present exemption which provides that an employee of a covered farmer is not covered if he is employed on a hand harvest basis, is paid on a piece rate basis, commutes daily from his permanent residence, and worked less than 13 weeks in agriculture in the preceding year.

(5) Prohibit the employment of workers under 14, except that workers 12 or 13 may be employed with their parents' consent.

SENATOR PETER DOMINICK (R) of Colorado, a member of the Committee, has indicated that he will offer a

substitute bill on the floor of the senate providing that:

(1) The general minimum wage would be increased to \$1.80 an hour the first year and \$2.00 an hour the second year. For groups of workers first covered in 1966, the increase would be to \$1.70 the first year, \$1.80 the second year, and \$2.00 the third year.

(2) The farm minimum wage would be \$1.50 an hour the first year and \$1.70 an hour thereafter.

(3) The minimum wage for workers under 18 or students under 21 would be (a) 80 per cent of the minimum wage otherwise applicable, or (b) \$1.60 an hour—whichever is higher.

(4) Workers under 14 could not be employed on farms, except that workers 12 or 13 could be employed with parents' consent.

The Dominick proposal is similar in many respects to the Erlenborn substitute which was substituted on the floor of the House for the text of H.R. 7130 as reported by the House Labor Committee.

# Wool Pools Available For County Sheepmen

The Berks County Wool Pool will be held on Wednesday, June 14, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Reading Fair Grounds. The Cumberland County Wool Pool will be held on Thursday, June 22, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carlisle Fair Grounds near Carlisle. Both of these events are sponsored by the Cooperative Wool Growers Association in each of the two counties. The pool is open to any wool producer in the area.

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### Robert A. Richter Dies

Robert Arthur Richter, 54, died unexpectedly last week at his home in Ephrata. At the time of his death, he was president of Extra Factors, Inc., of Ephrata and Palmerton.

Richter was also a member of the board of Animal Nutritionists Associates. He lectured frequently at colleges and veterinarian meetings on animal nutrition and food supplements for animals and poultry.

#### Herbicides Not Practical in Home Gardens

Herbicides (weed control chemicals) are not practical in most home gardening situations. There are several reasons for this, one being economical - material is needed in such small quantities compared to the area to be treated. Another reason is that some vegetables may be sensitive to certain types of herbicides, says Robert J. Precheur, Extension home gardening specialist at Pennsylvania State University. Mulching is perhaps the easiest and most practical way to control weeds in the home garden.

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