Miss Mary

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Dear Miss...:

Several measures are presently pending before the Senate Labor Committee which propose an increase in the present minimum wage and the coverage features now provided in existing law. The Secretary of Labor is scheduled to testify on Tuesday, May 19, and it is my understanding that he expects to testify for a limited extension of coverage of the Fair Labor Standards Act and against any increase in the present minimum. A formula will be advanced under which coverage will be extended to retail establishments which employ 100 or more persons in one or more units and having an inflow of merchandise in commerce in excess of a million dollars per year.

Much broader proposals are already pending before the Committee and at the moment it is impossible to say what the action of the Senate Labor Committee will be when it seeks to reduce this proposal to final form for presentation to the Senate.

At a later date I could give you a more definite statement on this matter after testimony has been concluded and all of the facts have been presented to the Committee.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen