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The Commission on the Future of Worker-Management Relations plans to submit a written report of findings to Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown and Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich on May 23, the two secretaries announced today.

The commission then plans to hold hearings and conferences with representatives of business, labor and the public to seek views on the implications of the findings for recommendations of the commission. The commission will then review these findings of fact and present to the two secretaries a final report including recommendations within six months after May 23.

The commission, chaired by former Secretary of Labor John T. Dunlop, has held eight hearings in Washington, and three more are scheduled before May 23. Working parties of the commission have held five hearings in cities around the country (Louisville, East Lansing, Boston, Atlanta and San Jose). A sixth hearing is planned for Houston.

The commission has also encouraged studies relevant to its mission by government agencies, business, academic and labor research organizations to be reported directly to the commission and made public.

The mission statement of the commission announced by Secretaries Reich and Brown on March 24, 1993 provided that the commission address:

1. What (if any) new methods or institutions should be encouraged, or required, to enhance workplace productivity through labor-management cooperation and employee participation?

2. What (if any) changes should be made in the present legal framework and practices of collective bargaining to enhance cooperative behavior, improve productivity, and reduce conflict and delay?

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J. What (if anything) should be done to increase the extent to which workplace problems are directly resolved by the parties themselves, rather than through recourse to state and federal courts and government regulatory bodies?

Notice of meetings and hearings of the full commission will continue to be published in the Federal Register.

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