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**MONTANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**  
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PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting:

Date Meeting Held: 10:15  
Hour Meeting Held: 24, 72

Committee Chairman: John H. Toole  
Margaret Warden

MINUTES

Roll Call:

John H. Toole  
Margaret S. Warden  
Bruce M. Brown  
M. Lynn Sparks  
Robert Vermillion  
Richard J. Champoux  
Fred J. Martin  
Catherine Pemberton  
Robert F. Woodmansey  
Carl M. Davis  
Katie Payne  
Daphne Bugbee  
Betty Babcock

absent  
✓  
✓  
✓  
absent  
✓  
✓  
✓  
✓  
✓

Subcommittee Chairmen:

TV & Radio

Robert Vermillion, Chairman  
Carl Davis

Newspapers

Fred Martin, Chairman  
Lynn Sparks

Convention Visitors

Betty Babcock, Chairman  
Robert Woodmansey  
Catherine Pemberton

Citizen Involvement

Daphne Bugbee, Chairman  
Richard Champoux  
Bruce Brown

Special Projects

Margaret Warden  
Katie Payne

Date Meeting Held:  
Hour Meeting Held:

Committee of the whole ~~X~~

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The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Margaret Warden in the absence of Mr. Toole.

Mr. Rick Champoux stated that he was appearing before the P.I. Committee not as a Committee member but as a disturbed college professor on behalf of a group of interns who are being denied the learning experience they were promised, referring to the interns in the Public Information Office, four of who were present at this meeting. He stated that these college students have been stuffing envelopes and they are disgusted. He asked whether or not we couldn't hire someone else to do this and if we can't he thinks we should rotate them out. Question: Who is in charge of the interns? This has to come to someones attention. One intern reported that she went to Mr. Leo Graybill, Jr. to get off P.I. to work on Judiciary and she was told she couldn't get off. She thinks they should be allowed to work on other committees with P.I. as home base. This is the way Mr. Weidman of Carroll College originally set it up and he is pretty up-set.

*Liberal  
Counselor*

Mr. John Kuglin, Capitol Bureau Reporter appeared before the Committee to complain the newsmen have run into a problem of not being furnished copies of material being discussed in meetings and it is difficult to report on a story when you don't know whats happening. If these are to be open meetings why are they being denied copies so they can report correctly.

Mrs. Warden explained that there were a limited number of copies of this particular item in question pertaining to recess and election and shouldn't the delegates have a chance to look at it before giving it to the news media - Mr. Graybill hadn't seen it, etc.?