

# JOINT COMMITTEE?

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To discern who did what  
and to whom.  
To determine what should be the punishment  
and the compensation.  
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