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Mr. Glenn J. Fairbrook, president of the Washington Bar Association, has appointed a committee to prepare the annotations of our state decisions to the various restatements as they are adopted in final form by the American Law Institute. The committee is composed of the following persons:

Hon. Emmett N. Parker, W V Tanner, O. B. Thorgrumson, Paul P. Ashley, W Z. Kerr, Hon. William J. Steinert, Charles Horowitz, Clinton H. Hartson, Hon. George Donworth, Dean Leslie J. Ayer, Alfred J. Schweppe, Hon. William D. Askren, J. Ambler Newton, F D. Metzger, and S. Harold Shefelman, chairman.

At a meeting held in Seattle recently it was decided to start work immediately upon the Restatements of Contracts, Agency and Conflict of Laws. Several members of the faculty of the University of Washington Law School have very kindly offered to prepare the annotations of those subjects which they are teaching and the WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW has volunteered to publish the annotations.

As the annotating of each subject progresses it is the plan of the committee to prepare mimeographed copies of the preliminary work from time to time and to distribute these both to its members and to representatives hoping that the members of the Bench and Bar generally throughout the state will offer such criticism of the preliminary drafts of the annotations as they may see fit, in order that the completed work may be as nearly accurate as possible. In many states the preparation of annotations to the Restatements has been in progress for some time.

The Tacoma Bar Association invited the members of the Law School Faculty to be present at their annual banquet in honor of Lincoln on February 12.

Those attending were Professors Cheadle, O'Bryan, Shefelman, Beardsley, and Ayer. Mr. Bonneville, president of the association, acted as toastmaster, and Professor Cornelius J. Brosnan, head of the Department of American History, University of Idaho, was the speaker of the evening. Among the other speakers were Justice Tolman of the Supreme Court of the state of Washington, former Justice Chadwick of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, Judge Gose from Walla Walla, Judge Wm. D. Askren, from Seattle, Wesley Lloyd, a member of the Tacoma Bar, and Judge W C. Chapman of the Superior Court of Pierce County. In addition, guests of the evening included Supreme Court Justices Parker, Beals, Millard, Main, Beeler and Holcomb. Glenn Fairbrook, president of the Washington State Bar Association; F T. Merritt, president of the Seattle Bar Association, and former State Supreme Court Justice C. R. Hovey.

This annual occasion is the outstanding event of the year of the Tacoma Bar Association and as usual was greatly enjoyed by all present. Dr. Brosnan in his subject, "Behind the Scenes With Lincoln and His Cabinet," skilfully and interestingly discussed the members who made up the first Lincoln cabinet.

