**Committees**

**Committee -- a group of men who individually can do nothing but as a group decide that nothing can be done. *(Fred Allen)***

**A committee is an animal with four back legs. *(John Le Carre, in Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy)***

**As a rule, the best things are done by a committee of one. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**A committee is a group that keeps minutes and waste hours. *(Milton Berle)***

**If a bomb wiped out the entire population except two politicians, they'd form a committee. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

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**A camel looks like a horse that was planned by a committee. *(Vogue magazine, July, 1958)***

**A camel is a horse designed by a committee. (Sir Alex Issigonis, car designer)**

**No committee could ever come up with anything as revolutionary as a camel -- anything as practical and as perfectly designed to perform effectively under such difficult conditions. *(Laurence J. Peter)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*When it comes to facing up to serious problems, each candidate will pledge to appoint a committee. And what is a committee? A group of the unwilling, picked from the unfit, to do the unnecessary. But it all sounds great in a campaign speech. *(Richard Long Harkness)***

**The chairman of a committee is like the official at a bullfight whose job it is to open and close the gate so the bull can come in or go out. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**A committee is composed of five persons -- one does the work, three give him moral support, and the fifth gives the story to the newspapers. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**Never fear that computers may get too powerful. When they do, we can organize them into committees. *(Bob Phillips, in The World's Greatest Collection of Heavenly Humor)***

**Congress is continually appointing fact-finding committees, when what we really need are some fact-facing committees. *(Roger Allen, in Grand Rapids Press)***

**It's hard to say exactly what a Congressional Committee does -- but if your wife did it. you'd call it nagging. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**To get something done, a committee should consist of no more than three men, two of whom are absent. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 157)***

**A committee consists of several men who cannot do a job in several hours as efficiently as one man can do it in one hour. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 157)***

**A committee consists of a group of men that keeps minutes and wastes hours. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 158)***

**A committee usually consists of three persons, each of whom thinks the others talk a lot of nonsense. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**Could Hamlet have been written by a committee, or the Mona Lisa painted by a club? Could the New Testament have been composed as a conference report? Creative ideas do not spring from groups. They spring from individuals. The divine spark leaps from the finger of God to the finger of Adam. *(A. Whitney Griswold speech, 1957)***

**A committee is a cul-de-sac to which ideas are lured and then quietly strangled. *(John A. Lincoln)***

**No grand idea was ever born in a conference, but a lot of foolish ideas have died there. *(F. Scott Fitzgerald)***

**A committee of three gets things done if two don't show up. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**Our greatest need is an investigating committee to investigate investigating committees. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**Committee -- a group of the unfit, appointed by the unwilling, to do the unnecessary. *(Stewart Harrol)***

**A committee is a group of people who talk for hours to produce a result called minutes. *(A. D.)***

**A committee is a group of people appointed to find some innocent individual to do the work. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 157)***

**A committee is as thing which takes a week to do what one good man can do in an hour. *(Elbert Hubbard)***

**The ideal committee consists of two, four or six people who haven't time, and one person who likes to run things his own way. *(Kearney, Nebraska, Hub)***

**I'M ON A COMMITTEE**

**Oh give me some pity, I'm on a committee,**

**which means that from morning to night,**

**we attend, and amend, and contend, and defend**

**without a conclusion in sight.**

**We confer and concur, we defer and demur,**

**and rehearse all of our thoughts.**

**We revise the agenda with frequent addenda,**

**and consider a load of reports.**

**We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,**

**and the points of procedure are fun!**

**But though various notions are brought up as motions,**

**there's terribly little gets done.**

**We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve,**

**since it's out of the question for us.**

**What a shattering pity to end our committee,**

**where else could we make such a fuss. *(S.C.U.C.A. Regional Reporter)***

**Committees have become so important nowadays that subcommittees have to be appointed to do the work. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 158)***

**If you want to kill any idea in the world today, get a committee working on it. *(Charles F. Kettering)***

**Marriage is a committee on ways and means where she has her way while he provides the means. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 158)***

**You'll find in no park or city / A monument to a committee. *(Victoria Pasternak)***

**If Moses had been a committee, the Israelites would still be in Egypt. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 158)***

**Another nice thing about being quiet and dumb is that you won't be picked to head a committee. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**Perpetual motion can be found in any committee meeting. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**Politicians wonder how the Lord can run the world without appointing committees. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**It is generally agreed that progress is what most inactive committees report. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**The man who shows up punctually at a committee meeting, is probably attending for the first time. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 157)***

**Sign on a church bulletin board in Benton, Wisconsin: "For God so loved the world that He didn't send a committee." *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**The best way to slow progress is to form a committee to do something about it. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**Some men can sit on a standup committee and still lie down on the job. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 158)***

**One reason why the Ten Commandments are so short and to the point is the fact they did not come out of a committee. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**There are more than 200,000 useless words in the English language, and at some committee meetings you hear all of them. *(E. C. McKenzie, in 14,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 93)***

**Football combines two grim features of American life: violence and committee meetings. *(George Will)***

**The word committee is a noun of multitude that signifies many but does not signify much. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 157)***

**Committee work is like a soft chair -- easy to get into, but hard to get out of. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 157)***

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