May 24, 1976

TO: Members of the State Committee

FROM: Martin E. Nixon, Secretary (and Senate Candidate)

Enclosed are the Minutes of the State Committee meeting of May 16th.

Harry Middendorf called me late last week with the dates for the independent petition period. The legislature has passed the bill setting the dates. And they are a lulu.

First day for collecting signatures - August 17
First day for filing petitions - September 7
Last day for filing petitions - September 13
Deadline for filing acceptances or declinations - September 16
Deadline for filing substitutions - September 20

It should be kept in mind that all candidates must file acceptances. That means all 41 electors and yours truly. Middendorf suggested that it would also be wise to get them from MacBride and Bergland too.

The countdown for challenges starts from the day the petitions are filed.

I would strongly suggest those involved with the MacBride campaign and the Senate campaign sit down in the near future to start planning for the petition drive.

As to the Senate Campaign, I have done up new covers for the national LP Position Papers. And if any want some (at no charge) just write, or call, in. I will be sending you samples in a day or two. I would also ask that you be on the look-out for possible events at which I could appear.

cc: County Chairs