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Early Financial Disclosures

Roger Addison provides an overview of processing financial disclosure forms in the days before electronic filing.

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Then it would come upstairs and we would go through them, make sure that they was stamped and everything, put them in chronological order and alphabetical order and from there they would have to be scanned. And the reason why you're scanning them is that once they're scanned and approved, you, you have to scan them, you have to index them, and then you had to verify them. And you're talking bins and bins and bins—20, 30, 40 bins that five people are going through, alright? So once that's done, you scan them and then the supervisor or someone he would designate would verify that they're indexed properly, and once they're indexed, the supervisor would inform the legislative computer system and they would upload them on to the terminals downstairs, okay? And once they uploaded them to the terminals, that's when they become public information.