

peacefully, not on the warpath, but wanting to be heard. And the others coming with threats.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Quillen, in reply I would simply state this: There isn't an Indian reservation in any part of the United States upon which any person, regardless of his color, I don't care whether he is yellow or red or brown or black or white, couldn't go without any fear of any kind of disturbance at all, as long as he conducted himself as a gentleman.

Mr. QUILLEN. Fine.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you again, Mr. Aspinall, for your very splendid, forthright statement.

We have Mr. Mathias here, gentlemen. We will be glad to hear from you.

**STATEMENT OF HON. CHARLES McC. MATHIAS, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE SIXTH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

Mr. MATHIAS. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to discuss this problem with you very briefly. I don't want to dwell at great length on the merits of this legislation. You have all heard my views on this general subject in previous years. I don't have to expound them all over again.

As far as the question of Indian titles is concerned, I understand that you are going to hear the views of one who is personally and immediately affected, Mr. Reifel, our distinguished colleague, who I believe is going to testify here.

I have discussed his views on the Indian titles, and I think you will find them very helpful as being the sentiments of one who is personally affected and who has an unrivaled experience in that field. I am here to request the adoption of the Madden resolution, House Resolution 1100.

I am sure the precedents for so doing have been cited to you many times. I won't plow over that field again. In your wisdom, I think you have done the House a great service here. I was inclined to be somewhat disappointed originally when the committee postponed action on this matter until the 9th of April.

But I think perhaps you were right and I was wrong, because this interim period in which you have been conducting your hearings has been a time in which the membership of the House at large has been able to become much more familiar with this legislation than we would have been had we voted immediately after the Senate action.

And we have had time to reflect, and we have had time to consider. And I believe that the House, composed as it is of mature Members who have thoughtfully considered this legislation, will be ready to vote up or down on April 9 or as shortly thereafter as the bill can be brought forward.

I have sat through some of these hearings and I have heard the question raised as to "why the haste, why the haste?" I don't like to fall back on cliches and proverbs, but certainly there is a phrase that comes to mind here that "justice delayed is justice denied."

And I think we have to consider that and ask ourselves whether we are afraid to put this to the test. There is a paradox in this legis-