

The CHAIRMAN. Unless there is an objection, a statement of the Honorable Samuel J. Ervin, a U.S. Senator from the State of North Carolina, will be made a part of the record.

(The statement, which was submitted after the hearing was completed, and which comments on the testimony of other witnesses, is on p. 131.)

The CHAIRMAN. Now, this takes us, then, to our first witness of the morning, who is Mr. Domingo Montoya, chairman, All Indian Pueblo Council of New Mexico, accompanied by Mr. Tom Olson, attorney for All Indian Pueblo Council of New Mexico, and by Mr. Benny Atencio, chairman of the Legislative Committee, All Indian Pueblo Council of New Mexico.

We are very glad to have you gentlemen before the committee.

Let me ask you this.

Will this testimony be given in English or will it be necessary to have an interpreter?

Mr. OLSON. It will be given in English, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman. Very well.

**STATEMENT OF DOMINGO MONTOYA, CHAIRMAN OF THE ALL INDIAN PUEBLO COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO, ACCOMPANIED BY TOM OLSON, ATTORNEY FOR ALL INDIAN PUEBLO COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO, AND BENNY ATENCIO, CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, ALL INDIAN PUEBLO COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO**

Mr. MONTOYA. I am Domingo Montoya. Due to some problem I am having with my throat, I am going to ask my secretary, one of my officers, to read the Pueblo statement. It will be presented by Mr. Ramos Sanchez.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. You may proceed.

Mr. MONTOYA. I would like to at this time announce that we have here—

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have a written statement?

Mr. MONTOYA. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. You may proceed.

Mr. MONTOYA. I would like to announce to the hearing here that the Pueblos are really concerned on this legislation, S. 1843. We have gone to great sacrifice to get here to this hearing to show the concern of our people. We have 13 tribes here in New Mexico. I would like all of you to stand up, please—the members of the New Mexico delegation.

The CHAIRMAN. Very happy to have you here this morning, to show your interest in the legislation.

Mr. MONTOYA. I want to thank you, and we will proceed with the statement.

The CHAIRMAN. You may proceed.

(The prepared statement of Mr. Domingo Montoya was read by his secretary, Mr. Ramos Sanchez, as follows:)

Mr. MONTOYA. Thank you, Mr. Chairman for extending to us the privilege of appearing before you today with reference to S. 1843 and companion measures, including H.R. 15122. As you can well understand by the attendance of the Pueblo leaders present in this room,