

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted forthwith by the chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, and to such others as he may believe appropriate.

DOMINGO MONTOYA,
Chairman.

Attest:

VICTOR A. SARRACINO,
Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN. I notice that you have an unsigned statement here on behalf of the Governor. I would rather this statement be left out, and we will put in the letter that we have. With this understanding, the statement of the Governor of New Mexico which is unsigned will be left out of the record.

Do you have any further statements?

Mr. OLSON. No, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. This is a statement of the All Indian Pueblo Council of New Mexico.

May the acting chairman commend the members of the council for this fine statement. Not only is it constructive criticism, but also there are recommendations as to how to take care of this particular group of American Indians.

You are well aware of the fact that there is in the so-called present civil rights bill—and I use the phrase advisedly—this section that has to do with titles II, III, IV, V, and VI of the Indian Rights bill that is now before the House. You are aware that it is there.

You are aware also that the attempt at the present time of those in favor of the bill, because it carries a housing provision, to have it passed without any amendment would permit no amendments on the floor of the House. You are aware of that.

Mr. OLSON. We are aware of that.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, do you have any difficulties as far as the people who you represent with housing in the State of New Mexico?

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Chairman, if I may, I will answer that.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, Mr. Olson.

Mr. OLSON. In view of the fact that the chairman is having difficulty with his voice this morning, he asked me to discuss these matters.

Mr. Chairman, of course, the Indian people do have trouble with housing from the standpoint of substandard housing. They are interested in improving their housing. But as far as fair housing, no, there is no problem.

The CHAIRMAN. As far as discrimination, as far as these tribes are concerned, this does not bother them a bit, because they stay on their own reservations to a great extent, and when they go elsewhere they are not bothered in New Mexico or any part of the West; is that correct?

Mr. OLSON. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Montoya, you folks consider yourselves as regular American citizens, do you not?

Mr. MONTOYA. We certainly do, yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Are you denied as a people any of the rights set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America, and in particular with those amendments to the Constitution known as the Bill of Rights?

Mr. MONTOYA. I do not think we are denied them.