

Mr. Sigler, do you have any questions?

Mr. SIGLER. No, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much.

The next witness is Gov. Pat Calabaza, accompanied by Mr. Benny Atencio, and Mr. Mateo Aragon.

Are you going to speak in English or in—

Mr. ATENCIO. The Governor would like to make a statement in Indian first. Then we will follow.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, Governor.

**STATEMENT OF GOV. PAT CALABAZA, SANTO DOMINGO PUEBLO,
N. MEX., ACCOMPANIED BY INTERPRETERS BENNY ATENCIO AND
MATEO ARAGON**

(Governor Calabaza at this point in the hearing made a statement in the Indian language.)

Mr. ARAGON. Mr. Chairman, speaking on behalf of my Governor's statement, according to our appointment by our councilmen, we are appointed to be present here at this date here in Washington, D.C. Many years ago, long before any white man came to this continent, we Pueblo Indians have already formed a self-government which we know among ourselves and is in our heart. After when the Spanish came and explore our country, when the Spanish went back later on—around 1680, the Spanish Government gave each pueblo showing that they are recognized to carry on their self-government—they gave the Spanish cane.

When Mexico became independent, she gave a symbol to each pueblo showing that it will be known that we have our own self-government. Then around 1840 or 1850, when the United States took over, then 1863, during the administration of Abraham Lincoln, the United States gave us, each pueblo, a cane. And our people respect our self-government and our council and people still want to retain our self-government.

Now, from now on I will let Benny Atencio go ahead to read the statement that was prepared by our councilmen. I thank the chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Aragon, may I ask you one question? Are these the same canes, or are these canes in place of the others that were given to you?

Mr. ARAGON. Yes, they are the same canes. The one was given to—our cane from Mexico was turned over to the Lieutenant Governor, and the Lieutenant Governor has it.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, Mr. Atencio.

Mr. ATENCIO. Mr. Chairman, members of this committee, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to be here today and express the views of my Pueblo on S. 1843 and companion bills. This is my first visit to this great city and to these halls where so many important decisions affecting our world, our Nation, and our people are made.

The people of my Pueblo believe that a decision of importance to the Indian people is under discussion by this committee today. Their concern is perhaps best shown by the fact that for the first time in history a Governor of my Pueblo has been authorized by our council to come to Washington and give testimony.

This was not a decision lightly made or an easy undertaking for my people, but they believe the effects of the legislation under dis-