

Mr. MEEDS. Pardon?

Mr. ARAGON. Sometimes we fine them so much, according to the amount. Or if they have no money to pay, they would put them up for community services.

Mr. MEEDS. Do you have any kind of what we refer to as jail, or a place where people are incarcerated, kept?

Mr. ARAGON. No.

Mr. MEEDS. You do not. Now——

Mr. ARAGON. May I add to that?

Because we respect the traditional government there, we felt that it is not necessary to have anyone in jail or retain anyone, because our people and we young people recognize and respect these things. Therefore, if there is such crime, if they notify us there will be a hearing, or to be there at a certain date, we do not have to run around or have anybody chasing us like in the cities.

Mr. MEEDS. That is very commendable.

Do the persons that are accused, do they come before this organization, the governor and these people who are deciding?

Mr. ARAGON. Yes.

Mr. MEEDS. In all instances?

Mr. ARAGON. Yes.

Mr. MEEDS. Could your governor and group fine a man who was not there? Say he did not come to trial, didn't receive notice or he did not appear. Could they go ahead without him?

Mr. ATENCIO. Every person who is charged with a crime is notified. As a matter of fact, the governor and his staff meet every night to discuss the daily activities of the tribe, and is charged with it, and they are not paid or compensated in any way. So they serve in this respect, all our tribal officers and officials. But the individual charged with the crime is notified and given the privilege of representation by one of the tribal spokesmen if this is requested.

Mr. MEEDS. Is this done without charge—the tribal spokesman will represent him without charge?

Mr. ATENCIO. That is right.

Mr. MEEDS. So that if you were required to furnish counsel or someone to represent him, this would be no additional cost, would it?

Mr. ATENCIO. Not to an individual, no.

Mr. MEEDS. Since you have eight people, if there is a minimal requirement that six people sat, you would be well within that requirement, too, would you not? And if the bill required that it be a public hearing, where anybody could come, this would not give you any problem, would it?

Mr. ATENCIO. This is already practiced in our system.

Mr. MEEDS. That is what I am saying. These three things we talked about are already practiced.

Mr. ATENCIO. That is right.

Mr. MEEDS. So there would be no additional cost to you in utilizing these additional things—not additional, because you are doing them already.

Mr. ATENCIO. The additional costs would be incurred if we were to require a trained attorney whom we have to hire or bring in from outside.