

say that I can understand why the Pueblo nation has gotten to the place where it has today, with this philosophy, because this is the philosophy that has made America great, too. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much.

Mr. MEEDS. My commendations, too, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. The next witness is Governor Juan Chavarria, of Santa Clara Pueblo, N. Mex.

Governor CHAVARRIA. I would like to have my lieutenant sit in with me also and two members of my tribal council, Mr. Gutierrez, and Mr. Naranjo.

The CHAIRMAN. They may either come up to the witness table, or stand up and be recognized.

You may proceed.

STATEMENT OF JUAN CHAVARRIA, GOVERNOR OF SANTA CLARA PUEBLO, ACCOMPANIED BY LAWRENCE P. SINGER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, PATRICK GUTIERREZ, COUNCIL MEMBER, AND ALBERT NARANJO, COUNCIL MEMBER

Governor CHAVARRIA. Mr. Chairman, members of this committee, I think it is a great privilege to be here before your committee. We have journeyed a long way from New Mexico, and for the same reason that these other governors had presented themselves here this morning.

Santa Clara Pueblo is a community which consists of some 700 or more members. We are located 30 miles northwest of Santa Fe, N. Mex., along the Rio Grande River. We are descended of the people that once lived at this historic site of Hujez. Hujez, in our language, is interpreted "where the cottontails assemble."

Even at that date, way back, a thousand years or so ago, our people lived along the face of this cliff. On top of this cliff is a dwelling or community buildings, one time consisted of some 2,000 rooms. Part of this community has been excavated, and some part has been restored.

Now, going back to these ruins, we—our descendants, practiced self-government from time immemorial. Even when our ancestors lived up at these ruins, they carried on their self-government. And today, we still practice the same government they practiced at that time.

So today we come here before you, Mr. Chairman, and committee, that we have been notified that a bill known as S. 1843, which in part may take away some of our powers within our pueblo. As some of the members or Governors of the different pueblos have testified here today, we carry on the same government within our pueblos.

I might go on to say that we do not have very much income coming into our pueblos. We are limited to funds to make these trips like this one here today. But I think it is a great privilege and quite an education to be here today.

That is all the statement I have to make at this time.

The CHAIRMAN. Anyone else?

Have you understood the statements that have been made here this morning, and the questions that have been propounded by the members of the committee, especially by the gentleman from Washington, who has gone into this quite at length? Have you understood these questions?