

Lieutenant Governor SINGER. I am a fireman with the Los Alamos Fire Department.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much.

Governor CHAVARRIA. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. The next witness will be Governor Don Sanchez of the San Felipe Pueblo of New Mexico.

Governor, do you wish to make a statement?

Mr. EDWARD SANCHEZ. Mr. Chairman, the Governor would like to briefly make a comment before we proceed with our prepared statement, and Mr. Frank Tenorio will do the interpreting.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much. We welcome you here. You may make your statement.

(At this point in the hearing Governor Sanchez spoke in his native language.)

The CHAIRMAN. You may proceed, sir.

Mr. TENORIO. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**STATEMENT OF GOV. DON SANCHEZ, SAN FELIPE PUEBLO, N. MEX.,
ACCOMPANIED BY FRANK TENORIO, COUNCIL MEMBER, AND
EDWARD SANCHEZ, TRIBAL SPOKESMAN, SAN FELIPE PUEBLO**

Mr. TENORIO. It is with great pleasure, honorable Chairman, and Congressmen, that I am here, that you give me the opportunity to appear before you. As directed by my council, you will find out that I have a staff of councilmen that direct me in my presentations that you will hear, and considering the importance of this testifying as the council directs, I am certainly honored to appear before you. And I bring with me these two gentlemen as spokesmen for the tribe. And you will understand that we have definite feelings about this bill. We will answer and we will justify our feelings if necessary. And when necessary. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Governor, for your statement.

Now we will listen to the reading of the statement prepared.

Mr. SANCHEZ. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, honorable Congressmen, my fellow delegates, ladies and gentlemen:

Indeed it is our pleasure to have this opportunity to present to you the attitudes and thinkings of our tribal officials, councilmen, and our people in general. It is with great respect for our tribal government that we are sent here to make our heritage known to you.

Mr. Chairman, the Governor with his officials and tribal council as elected representatives of the San Felipe Tribe have reviewed Senate bill 1843. Though it proposes to establish rights for individual Indians in their relationship with their Indian tribes and for other purposes, the tribal council finds titles I and II of the bill most intrusive on what was theirs before 1492. Mr. Chairman, the free sovereign exercise of self-government was ours, shaped and given to us intangibly by the Great Spirits long before the establishment of our own American democracy.

Specifically, the tribe considers those titles of Senate bill 1843 to be an encroachment on the sovereign exercise of our tribal government, and certainly that of the practices of our fellow tribesmen here present