

and in the final analysis would achieve the liberal justice so much desired for the American Indian.

In summary then, the Ervin Senate Bill 1843 is well intended, but the Council of San Felipe Pueblo is not ready to implement such a proposal because it is premature in nature that no voice of the Indian tribes was involved to determine whether state criminal and civil laws should apply on their reservations. That rights of Indians to self-government are inherent in their backgrounds and should not be coerced to be alienated from the long history of democratic practice of their traditions. Finally, in view of the Indian history, it is self-evident that life, liberty and right to sovereign government was the forethought of the ancient people to which we give whole hearty support to earnestly ask for understanding of our desire to preserve our Indian heritage, in any shape or form, for here lies the true foundation of America's history. In conclusion the, we the Tribal Council of the Sovereign Pueblo of San Felipe solemnly decline to accept Titles I and II of the Senate Bill 1843 in its present form, and respectfully refuse to alienate our people, and ourselves, from the sovereign government, to wit, of San Felipe Pueblo.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, gentlemen, for your appearance.

This afternoon our order of business will be to listen first to Mr. Tims, second to Mr. Ryder, third to Mr. Acoya, and if we have any time left we will get to the attorneys.

The committee stands in recess until 1:30.

(Whereupon, at 12:35 p.m. the subcommittee was recessed, to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. on the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

The CHAIRMAN. The Subcommittee on Indian Affairs will now be in session for the continuance of the hearing on S. 1843, H.R. 15419, and H.R. 15122. The Chair understands that Governor Zuni, representing the Isleta Pueblo, is in the room. Is Gov. John Zuni in the room? He wanted to be recognized just to show his presence and the record will show that he was here this morning.

Gov. Abel Sanchez, representing the San Ildefonso Pueblo. Is he in the room at this time? Will you please stand up so we can recognize your presence? Thank you very much.

And Gov. Joe Loretto, representing the Jemez Pueblo. We are glad to have you here and the record will show your presence and your interest in the legislation.

The Chair has received several telegrams and they will be made a part of the file and referred to as necessary if the report is prepared.

Now, this afternoon we have three representatives of different areas of Arizona and New Mexico appearing and the Chair is desirous of not taking over a half hour. He has no idea how long these presentations will take but unless there is an organization, the presentation together with the questioning of each one of these witnesses will not be over 30 minutes.

Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

At this time the Chair will call to the witness table the Honorable B. L. Tims, mayor of Scottsdale, Ariz., who was to be presented by our colleague, a former member of this committee, the Honorable John Rhodes, representing Maricopa County. It is my understanding that Mr. Rhodes cannot be here. So the Chair, who has known Mr. Rhodes as long as he has been in Congress and known him favorably, I might say, will assume the responsibility of his colleague and brother, and welcome Mr. Tims accompanied by Mr. John de Bolske.