

him, he can go ahead and do it but he can impeach his own witness if he wants to.

Mr. MEEDS. I do not seek to impeach him. Either the witness speaks for the Governor or he does not speak for the Governor.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from South Dakota?

Mr. BERRY. Just one question, Mr. Acoya. Now, is it your position that you oppose this legislation? Is not that your position? You are opposed to the passage of this Senate bill?

Mr. ACOYA. As I understand from the Governor's message, sir, he opposes two titles that he mentioned, title I and title II, sir.

Mr. BERRY. What about 280, the repeal covered by 280? What is his position?

Mr. ACOYA. His position is he wants to see the repeal of Public Law 280.

Mr. BERRY. He does?

Mr. ACOYA. Yes.

Mr. BERRY. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman from Idaho have any questions?

Mr. McCLURE. You say the Governor wants to seek the repeal of Public Law 280?

Mr. ACOYA. Yes, sir, that is right.

Mr. McCLURE. Can I ask you why he does? Why does he wish to see that repealed?

Mr. ACOYA. He believes this, sir, that the Indians should be consulted. The Indians should make it known that if they want jurisdiction, State jurisdiction, then, therefore, with the consent clause, this would allow them to do it. I mentioned before, sir, that there was never a case that was—the occasion never arose for Public Law 280 to be implemented either through the legislature or through a constitutional vote.

Mr. BERRY. And so it has been no problem in the past?

Mr. ACOYA. No problem at all, sir.

Mr. BERRY. Public Law 280 has posed no threat to the Indian people of New Mexico?

Mr. ACOYA. No.

Mr. BERRY. Because of State action?

Mr. ACOYA. Yes, sir.

Mr. BERRY. And its presence, the whole present trend poses no threat to the people of New Mexico as far as they are concerned?

Mr. ACOYA. No; not as far as we can see.

Mr. BERRY. Would it be a fair statement, trying to distill all of the questions and answers that have preceded, would it be a fair statement that it is the feeling of the State of New Mexico that the rights expressed in the first 10 amendments of the U.S. Constitution are adequately protected by type of constitutions and customs and that it is not necessary to have them applied directly? Is that a fair statement?

Mr. ACOYA. Yes, sir.

Mr. BERRY. And, would it be a correct further statement that it would be your feeling—please, if I am misstating it at all, disagree with me.

Mr. ACOYA. Surely.

Mr. BERRY. I want to understand you. Would it be a correct further statement of your feeling that the application of the first 10 amend-