

In lieu of a lengthy statement in support of its position, the Kalispel Tribe calls the Senate Interior Committee's attention to the statements being filed in behalf of the Warm Springs and Umatilla Tribes. These statements set out in some detail the reasons for the repeal of said Section 7. All of the points and arguments urged in behalf of those tribes would apply equally in the case of the Kalispel Tribe.

We also adopt as part of our statement the statement by our attorney Robert D. Dellwo, dated March 1, 1968, being filed herewith.

The repeal of Section 7 would remove a most unjust and inequitable rule of descent the existence of which has actually caused many instances of strained relations between Kalispel and Yakima Indians and has in some cases torn families apart.

We urge enactment of S. 1764.

Senator McGOVERN. Is Mrs. Workman here?

STATEMENT OF GRACE EDESEL WORKMAN, ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE YAKIMA NATION

Mrs. WORKMAN. I am an enrolled member of the Yakima Nation. I presently reside here in Maryland, and my husband is a District policeman.

I would like to go on record as being opposed to this bill. I had no previous knowledge of the hearing before this morning's paper, and when I heard of it I did come down right away.

I wanted people to know that we are aware of this and of the consequences that will happen if this amendment is passed. This will have no immediate effect on myself and my husband's family, but it will have an effect on my people of the Yakima Nation.

We have the right, just as all other people have the right, to be a self-governing body, and that is the reason the Yakima was set up for the Yakima people by treaty.

We have our own council, we do our own governing, and I think we should have the right to decide what will happen to our land.

Senator McGOVERN. Is your husband a member of the tribe?

Mrs. WORKMAN. No.

Senator McGOVERN. He is not. So that if anything should happen to you your interests would not pass on to your husband.

Mrs. WORKMAN. No.

Senator McGOVERN. Yet you favor retaining—

Mrs. WORKMAN. I do. Not for myself but for my people.

Senator McGOVERN. Well, thank you very much, Mrs. Workman. I appreciate your testimony.

Mr. Grorud, we will be glad to hear from you now.

STATEMENT OF ALBERT A. GRORUD, ATTORNEY, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. GRORUD. I am Albert A. Grorud. I will identify myself. I served for about 28 years as a staff member on this committee. I was designated special assistant and attorney for the committee and also an investigator of the subcommittee which existed for about 18 or 20 years, which investigated the Indian Affairs of the United States, and I was in charge of it.

I have been familiar with the Yakima Reservation for about, for some 40 years. I have visited the reservation frequently, and I will say