

He is an assistant Republican whip and a member of the Public Land Law Review Commission.

You will not find two Congressmen who are more highly thought of than these two Congressmen who are here today. I know them well and know them as friends and as highly thought of members of not only the Interior and Insular Affairs but also of the Congress of the United States.

Both have an extraordinary reputation for integrity and ability, and I want to thank you very much and welcome you to Palm Springs.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Jack, I was going to give you another 10 minutes as long as you have been as kind and thoughtful and complimentary as you have been.

I am sure most of you know that your own Congressman has just returned from Vietnam and I think he flew in yesterday. I know that he will have some reports of interest to the district on that subject, and I am looking forward to discussing his findings and his observations on that situation at the first opportunity myself.

On my right is the very able gentleman from Utah, who assures that this is a bipartisan hearing. He is one of the very able members of the minority in the House, and we hope he will be in the minority in the next session. My good friend, Laurence Burton from Utah.

Mr. BURTON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's a real pleasure for me to have the opportunity to come back to this 38th Congressional District which is beautiful and has such a varied economy and sociology, and I want to say that I have the greatest respect for your own Congressman, Mr. Tunney. The next time I come into the district, I expect that I will be the chairman. Thank you.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I hope, Larry, you come back before that happens.

I also want to present to you the staff assistant and attorney for the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Mr. Lewis A. Sigler, who is on my left over here, and Jack, do you want to present your legislative assistant?

Mr. TUNNEY. Yes. I'd like to introduce my legislative assistant, Mr. Vincent Griffith, who is from my Washington office.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I want to note the presence of the executive secretary for the California State Indian Commission, Mrs. Bernice Tate, who is here, I understand, as observer on behalf of the State.

Also, I note the presence of the council for the Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians; both the tribal council and the attorney for the tribe are here. Chairman Haley wanted me to give his personal greetings to the tribe. He remembers very fondly his last hearing out here, and regretted very much the time situation did not make it possible for him to get here and to get back to Washington for some commitments that he had personally.

It is a great pleasure for me to be here. This is my first visit to Palm Springs, and everything I have heard about it and read about it are true. It is a very beautiful place, and the hospitality of the people has been wonderful, and I hope that there will be an opportunity for me to return with more leisure at some time in the future.

It is also a great pleasure to be in the district of your very fine Congressman, and he has been pressing our committee to hold hearings on this subject for many months, and he has impressed all of us with the seriousness of this matter and the importance of congressional