

attention to it. I just hope that these hearings will be constructive and profitable from the standpoint of legislative purpose.

Let me say that we are a factfinding subcommittee. We come to hear from the people who have, I think, very, very serious concern about the legislation that is pending on the subject of the modification of the guardianship and conservatorship as it relates to the Palm Springs Indians.

I personally was sitting on this subcommittee at the time that the first legislation was considered for 99-year leases and I have been following the development of various programs for full development of potential of Indian tribal resources, both human and land, for a number of years. I represent a district in which there are many Indians, and in which some of the same problems that you have here are shared by thousands of Indian citizens of Oklahoma, and so I want to say to you now that all of us represent constituents, Indian constituents. Congressman Burton has many of them in the State of Utah, and the problems of development of trust lines are not restricted to one locality in the country. There are problems that are shared all over the country, and the pursuit of the ideal approach to this problem is one that is being carried on in many parts of the United States today.

Now, let me begin this hearing by asking unanimous consent to place in the record at this point, the text of H.R. 13516, which is the bill by Congressman Tunney that has opened this series of hearings, and also the text of the later bill on the same subject introduced by Mr. Tunney. I don't know the number of that.

Mr. TUNNEY. H.R. 17273.

Mr. EDMONDSON. H.R. 17273, introduced May 14, 1968, together with the text of the departmental report on H.R. 13516. If there is no objection, these items will be made a part of the record at this point.
(The documents referred to follow :)