

Mr. PATENCIO. Well, yes; I would have control.

Mr. SIGLER. The reason I'm asking the question is to see how much importance the tax feature is in your thinking about continuation of the trust. I gather from your answer that you think that is one of the primary considerations?

Mr. PATENCIO. That is one of the problems, one of the considerations. That's just one of them.

Mr. SIGLER. The second question I'd like to ask, again for the purpose of completing the record is, if an Indian in your band had an income from a piece of trust property, substantial income many times the amount necessary to pay the taxes, do you think he should pay taxes?

Mr. PATENCIO. As a person, are you asking me?

Mr. SIGLER. I'm asking you for your judgment.

Mr. PATENCIO. That would have to be—that would have to be, I think, if he's in business.

Mr. SIGLER. Pardon?

Mr. PATENCIO. If he's in business, he'd have to pay taxes, naturally.

Mr. SIGLER. What I'm thinking of is, an Indian has leased a tract of land and he's getting \$30,000, \$40,000 income from that lease; do you think he should continue to enjoy tax exemption?

Mr. PATENCIO. I think every Indian should have every right that he can get.

Mr. EDMONDSON. That's a 100-percent American statement.

Mr. SIGLER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I have no other questions.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I think you're just like the rest of the Americans on that score.

Mr. BURTON. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Congressman Burton has another question.

Mr. BURTON. Mr. Patencio, if you don't pay any taxes on your trust land, isn't it possible that some of your fellow citizens in this county might think you're taking a tax dodge? You drive on the streets, participate in the water, sewage systems, police protection, and all of the normal services that are supplied by a county and city, and yet on those particular lands that are in trust, there are no taxes. What do you have to say in response to that sort of problem?

Mr. PATENCIO. Well, if you look at the map behind you, you will see the problem that we have. We are all included in one bulk reservation not like other citizens, but now, if I felt this way, and the citizens felt this way, they'd have to cut between these two corners of every section to get out of town.

Mr. SIMPSON. Congressman Burton, may I say something to your question?

Mr. EDMONDSON. Yes.

Mr. SIMPSON. One thing I think that we could add to what Mr. Patencio said is the Indians actually do pay a great deal of taxes, and Mr. Udall, for example, in his speech to the Governor's conference a couple of years ago pointed out statistically that the real property taxes are such a small fraction of the real revenue that local authorities are very shortsighted and constantly trying to end the tax exemption, because the tax exemption can accelerate the development of Indian lands wherever it occurs. The local people derive revenue, they collect the possessor interest taxes from the establishments where you