

should take place as above; if he is not, then the Government should retain legal title to his property until such time as either he is competent or until such time as the property is distributed to his heirs.

Are there any questions?

Mr. EDMONDSON. Just one question. Your statement regarding the Tunney bill, and your evaluation of it. Are you speaking of the bill most recently introduced, or are you speaking of the earlier bill?

Mr. CLEARY. The one introduced in May between writing that report now, I haven't had a chance to read it. I have had a chance to read it, and my comments are the same.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Thank you very much, Mr. Cleary. You're a very good advocate.

Mr. CLEARY. Thank you, sir.

Mr. EDMONDSON. At this stage of the hearing, we are going to endeavor to request the remaining witnesses to stay with a 5-minute time limit. I know it may put a burden on several of them, but I think the time is such that it is a reasonable request from the subcommittee, with the understanding that if any witness appears and is unable to present his points in 5 minutes time, he will have permission to submit for the record a supplementary statement. The first witness I want to call upon is the vice chairman of the tribal council, Mr. Pierce, who has asked for permission to comment.

Mr. PIERCE. Mr. Chairman, what I have to say will take just a second. From our impression this morning, the hearings will be held open so that we will be allowed to testify in Washington. Due to the lateness of the hour, the fatigue of the reporter, we will reserve our testimony until that time, and we want to thank you very much for coming out and looking into our problems.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Are you speaking as a member of the tribal council on that?

Mr. PIERCE. Yes, sir.

Mr. EDMONDSON. All right, sir, we appreciate your thoughtfulness on that subject. There will be subsequent hearings in Washington on the tribe's position with regard to the departmental substitute which has been proposed, and that hearing, of course, will be open to testimony to any citizen who is interested in being heard on that subject, whether a member of the tribal council, or member of the tribe, or an individual in the State of California who has reason for wanting to testify on this subject.

I have a statement here which has been filed by Mr. Ray Hiller. Mr. Hiller, if you will come forward, I'll be glad to hear from you at this time.

Mr. HILLER. Mr. Chairman, this is Mrs. Hiller.

Mr. EDMONDSON. We're happy to have you, sir.

Mr. HILLER. The tribal council has asked you if you have time—if you don't have time to hear us—you haven't heard from any of the tenants who have been on section 14, which I have since the forties, may we come back to Washington, also, Mrs. Hiller and I, when you have your subsequent hearings? I would like to take my 5 minutes now, and then finish back there.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Yes, sir; if you can afford the airplane ticket, yes, you'll be welcome. I don't think the Government is going to be paying the transportation of any witnesses back there. That's a decision for you to make.