

Mr. HILLER. Mr. Chairman, we've waited all these years for our day in court; and I am sure we'll be able to save up enough money to come back there.

Mr. EDMONDSON. All right, you may proceed at this time.

Mr. HILLER. I'd like to make my first statement—is my 5 minutes beginning now?

Mr. EDMONDSON. Yes, sir.

STATEMENT OF RAY HILLER, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. HILLER

Mr. HILLER. Now, I don't want to defend members of this tribe and also the tenants of many years in section 14 from one of the conservators who gave the impression that we don't want you to carry back to Washington that all of the Indians are drunk, or all of the tenants were prostitutes, and the wrong kind of people.

Mrs. Hiller and I are graduates of the University of California. We are both licensed real estate brokers. I served in World War I, came out with a disability. While her father paid her way through college, the U.S. Government came to the hospital where I was recuperating and told me I was discharged; so that's when I got my degree and we taught school many years. I think Mrs. Hiller did 38 years and I did 20. Now, the only reason she did 38 is, we lost our property here in 1960 under the Saund Act. Before that, we had very pleasant relations with the members of the tribe. In fact, I'm still on section 14 with one of the members of the committee, one of the committee and paying my rent every month.

Mr. EDMONDSON. You mean, one of the members of the council?

Mr. HILLER. One of the members of the council; yes. We still have two houses there, but the hotel we built was taken away from us in 1960. Now, it's rather peculiar that the only one member of the tribe that was criticized today happened to be the one Indian we met and worked with all these years, and the only legal firm that I heard criticized here was the firm of Schlesinger & Schlecht, and they are the ones that represented this same Indian when we went to court, and unfortunately, we went before the only judge criticized here, so we didn't get our day in court; we were just thrown out of court.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Hiller, if you just heard criticism of one judge and one attorney, I don't believe you've been here all day.

Mr. HILLER. The one that testified here, I mean. As far as the appellate court is concerned, we don't have much luck. We got up to the appellate court and there was the other judge. Now, when these doctors ordered me to the desert with my lung condition, they said go to the desert, but I should have gone to Las Vegas. We do very well in the nickel machines over there; we've never had any luck here.

I do want to say that the tenants that we found, our neighbors in all those years are fine people. They were retired people. A lot of them were very nice neighbors and I didn't see any prostitutes and drunks among the tenants. We paid our rent very clearly all the time. In fact, I think I paid the Gloria Gillette rent \$100,000 in 18 years, and I think the—gosh, if you're using the figures I have heard here today, it must have brought the value up nearly a quarter of a million with the property being taken away from us overnight.

Now, there are other people the same way. I just want to say this,