

2,000 years—in the case of the Aleuts for over 4,000 years by making their own decisions. As records indicate, they lived happily. They cannot do this today. They cannot even call the land on which they are squatting their own land. They have no title to it.

Mr. ASPINALL. That part is before this committee. That part is all right. But when you get into the question of health and education and so forth, you are getting into something else.

We make provision for those opportunities uniformly throughout the Nation. To get you to the place where you can enjoy that, that is something else.

Mr. LEKANOF. What I am saying is with the opportunity given to us through a fair land settlement the people will be given this opportunity then to be more participants in plans for better housing and for better educational programs than they are today.

Mr. ASPINALL. I have no quarrel with that as long as you talk about land. But when you get into the \$500 million, plus, program and you back it up with the needs of the people for education and health purposes, then I get just a little bit off the beam. That is all, Mr. Chairman. They made a good case for their position.

Mr. HALEY. May I say to my distinguished colleague from Colorado, you referred to people a little while ago who wanted to live outside all the year around, if anybody wants to do that they better move to Florida.

Mr. ASPINALL. They better not stay in my district, I can tell you that.

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have too many questions. I want to suggest to Mr. Connor, however, that the Alaska purchase is not unlike the Louisiana Purchase. My State was included in the Louisiana Purchase. At that time the United States ostensibly bought this territory. In all of the cases that have gone to the Indian courts I think you will find that they based their settlement on the value at the time of taking. I believe that is correct.

Mr. CONNOR. That is correct.

Mr. BERRY. Rather than the present value.

Mr. CONNOR. Yes.

At the time of taking, the time they were divested of their lands. In the case of the Louisiana Purchase they were frequently pushed off at a very early date, as I recall. This would account for the early taking dates on which those awards were based.

Mr. BERRY. The settlements have been made in my State. Incidentally, South Dakota has at least half as many Indian people as you have in your State of Alaska and most of them are in my district. Two years ago it was my privilege to go to Alaska and we stopped at Fort Yukon and walked into the store. I couldn't tell any difference between Fort Yukon and Pine Ridge, in my congressional district. I mean one Indian area is just about like another Indian area.

Mr. POLLOCK. I think you were in one of our nicely developed villages. You ought to see some of them.

Mr. BERRY. I suspect that is true. I want to commend you, Mr. Lekanof, in your statement that the solution is in getting industry to the reservations. This is something that I have been fighting to get for