

Senator METCALF (continuing). Because I feel that the Senator from Wyoming has helped. These three members of the tribe are long time, firm friends of mine. I have known them since I was in the House of Representatives. They have been in my office and I have been in their area and met with them. I regard them highly, and respect them, but we have to make a record at this hearing, and give these people an opportunity to respond to the testimony that was presented by other witnesses. I feel that some of the responses have been very well handled, and answered some of the questions that are in our minds.

Thank you very much.

Senator HANSEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator METCALF. Any more questions?

Senator ANDERSON. I do want to say that the expression of the Senator from Montana has been very fine. This is not pleasant at all for him. The many hours he spent on this are certainly staggering, and I take this opportunity to say I appreciate it very, very much. He is a fine man, a fine Senator, and a fine person to conduct these hearings.

Senator METCALF. Well, I am delighted to work with my friends from the southwest in the Indian community just as I am pleased to work with the people in my own Indian community. I am pleased to cooperate with the Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. SCHAAAB. Mr. Chairman, I don't believe Mr. Bernal has finished the statement that he wanted to give, if it is okay.

Senator METCALF. By all means he has a right to say anything he wants to say. This is an open hearing, and this is your testimony.

Mr. BERNAL. Mr. Chairman, as Mr. Severino Martinz has stated before, we don't want to throw any falsified information in this body. We have a lot of respect, and we like for you to feel that we are here to talk to you in America, we want you to understand. We don't come here to feel that you are not going to listen to our presentation. We came here to listen to other people's testimony, because this is a public hearing, but the honest testimony that these people are making is no longer new. This particular House in 1966 knew about this, the time before, and this is sort of a historical struggle, as I have indicated before; so, therefore, I hope that whatever we have been able to give you is information you want. Any misinterpretation should be deleted. Our misinformation to you people should be called to our attention, so we can make clarifications, and I think this is the right way to achieve the due process.

Due process in this country is very, very important. We don't want anybody to misunderstand this, and we don't like anybody to feel that we are not doing an honest thing. We do not come here to tell our Senator, or Senator Metcalf and Senator Hansen. These are our particular problems, our actual Indian traditional knowledge, and this land could not be converted to any kind of economic value. It will not turn into any kind of a recreation activity. We can assure you that the generations to come, if God should give us the opportunity to exist—it is always wrong to make any kind of a prediction of our Indian lives. We have very, very strong Indian understanding, and our foundation is in the place where we belong.

Our boys are in the war in Vietnam. I was in World War II, and I wear the Navy uniform. I was aboard the U.S.S. *Ticonderoga*, the fighting carrier. We were about 1,800 men, stationed on that one par-