

will not be in this predicament again. And the Tribal Council, so to speak, is the voice of the Osage people, but in matters such as that, which unforeseen things turn up, we should have regulations in effect that would take care of emergencies such as that. In a previous tape, I was explaining about the proposed regulations that they were trying to pass in Washington--I didn't quite get down to that, but I think that it should be in the regulations, taking care of situations such as that. And it is just a thing that the Co-operative Party has used, not as a--had their Mr. Pitts--late Mr. Pitts lead them down through these years, 18 years he has been chief and I think that they shouldn't try to use his name just for their gain. It doesn't seem right to me and seem like that they should choose another one in the next election and I am sure that if it had happened to another party, if they were in control they would not attempt anything like this--try to have a person in there that has died to run for chief now. It's a thing we have to contend with, being that he has died so close to the election and we--though he died after the filing, they have no law states that they cannot file after a certain date and they want to change the law and that would more or less take an act of Congress to change this law. And whether they can get it changed and have another referendum or run another man in Mr. Pitts' place, one of their own choosing, I don't know whether they can complete that if they don't get it in before this session of Congress. Congress won't convene until next fall and we will be without a chief unless they pick an interim executive. It just don't seem right at all, that they should try to do something like that. And I feel that I have supported Mr. Pitts in all his previous elections. I hadn't made my mind up whether to go along with him and the party again or not. In all