

process is outlined in this constitution. Now there may be some questions, I am sure there will be questions from some of you. We want to stress the fact that your council tonight, we ask you to elect an election committee of five individuals, who will have full authority to carry out all of the necessary work to bring about the setting up, the calling and conducting of the election on the constitution and if it passes, they will move right in and call the election for the principal officers and your council members on a certain date. By doing that you have a committee that understands it from the beginning to end and that is what we are here for this evening. That's the only thing that we are concerned with. After your election committee is elected, if we have a little time we would like to spend a few minutes with them afterwards up here to set a date and meet with them and start talking about procedures for registration, and announce the opening date for registration and closing date for registration for election on the constitution. Mr. Chariman, I think briefly that covers what we are here for this evening. I appreciate seeing as many members of the council out as we have, sorry that the Chariman isn't here, I know that he is out of the State, but I think it is something that we want to carry on and continue working on it and have. We are ready to go and we have waited the council's action on the committee to work with us if there are questions we will be happy to answer them and they want to interpret for us what I have said.

(Reverend Billy Palmer interprets Harrington's remarks.)

Harrington: If you want to ask them a question or something, why it's up to you.

(This is Louis Harjo. He asks in Seminole about changes in constitution.)

Virgil Harrington: There were two changes made in the constitution. One of them was the part that said that you could only be, uh, sign up as a member if your mother was an eligible member, matriarchal system. You recall that we indicated at that time we didn't think this would be legally right according to law that is what the solicitor's office and the secretary's office said that all Seminoles by law would have to be eligible to participate in a tribal election.