

And not just because your mother--I'll read what they said. We have stricken--they erased the words according to mother's enrollment only from Article II., in membership. The reason of that is the Federal Government's trust obligate us to the 1907 enrollees made it administratively infeasible to recognize a provision which contradicts the law upon which our responsibility prevails. Such a provision appears, in fact, to preclude by reason that in developing the final roll of the Seminole Nation, which were closed and made final, by the act of April 26, 1906, such criteria would not have happened at that time. Persons whose name appear on the 1907 roll, may or may not have been the issue of a Seminole mother. Therefore, it stands to reason in this day and time, we have the civil rights law that was passed in 1965, that would also probably enter into this if the Seminole constitution if you were going to vote on it and said they could only be a member and vote according to the mother's enrollment, because there is a lot of 'em--how about the daddy's enrollment. You're leaving out some full blood Seminoles, you're leaving out Seminoles who are entitled and are Seminoles if you put it that way, if you leave it that way. That was the reason for that change. Why don't you mention that and I will tell them what the other changes is. (There is a short conversation in Seminole) Alright. Mr. Lawer is going to interpret that and he will cover that one. I hope you understand that if you recall, we mentioned that we were afraid that that would be the law when we explained the constitution to you. I think all of you remember that.

Unidentified Man: You got copies? (Laughter)

Virgil Harrington: No, I want you to, but we can't do it. Terry, right here is what I would like you to read.

(Reading in Seminole for about two minutes of tape.)

Unidentified Man: The mother you say, descendent of the father, that's the last enrollee well then, what about the father, that's what you are talking about?

Virgil Harrington: Well, the way the constitution was sent in, the Council wanted to let them only be eligible if their mother was an enrollee. But that