

The ICA, as I said, is a very young organization, but we have a lot in common. We are not (inaudible). We are not (words not clear). We are not (inaudible) by anyone. Any expenses we incur we usually collect it and just take it out of our pockets. We are deeply interested and concerned about all Indian people. We are acutely aware how our lives are (inaudible) with the BIA. We are also aware that the policies of the Bureau have not always been best. But the overall efforts have been good. But we are (inaudible) improving in our services. We want to (inaudible) our services. (Word not clear) organization that needs to be improved. These are changing times and a little frightening, especially to these Indian people who will be involved and who will be affected by the policy of the BIA. We (words not clear). And now would be an (inaudible) time to (inaudible) ourselves. (Sentence not clear.) So to you the tribal members that we have invited here tonight, we hope that you will have some meaningful and (inaudible) relation. (Sentence not clear.)

MODERATOR - KENNETH MOORE

I would like to thank this Citizens' group for selecting me to moderator. I hope I can do a job that will satisfy this group and the first thing I have to do is to introduce our present Senator, who needs no introduction. I will go through this just the same. He was born not too far from here on a ranch by the Apache River, Oto reservation. Grew up among the Indians. He's not stranger here to us. Graduated from OSU; served in World War II. He's a successful farmer. Served in the State Legislature of Oklahoma. He's the man who brought two-party system to our state, being the first Republican elected Governor of Oklahoma. The Honorable Henry Bellmont (Applause.) Other dignitaries that we have, we have several members of the Governor Dewey Bartlett's commission present.