

constructive proposals have been presented, Senator Bellmon will be addressing us with a few remarks. He was a little bit misled on this meeting. He thought we were going to sit around and drink coffee and chew the fat, I think. I got him shook up. (Laughter.) I hope he understands. And Mr. Ernest Topah will be my timekeeper, and we will allow each representative fifteen minutes. You do not have to take fifteen minutes; but if you need that long, well, you'll be allowed fifteen minutes. Every fourteen minutes he will stand up. That will be your signal to (inaudible). (Laughter.) We would like to have constructive ideas. We want to conduct this meeting in a dignified manner, so that our elders would be proud of us and so the young Indian people will look up to us with respect. And I will try to conduct it in that manner. If I have to rap on the table, why when we all leave we still going to be good friends and think well of each other. Our first speaker will be Mr. Henry Allen, Chairman of the Tonkawa Tribal Council. And Mr. Chairman, if you wish, you may come up to the platform and use the microphone. Might be wise if you did that. Then everyone will hear.

HENRY ALLEN - CHAIRMAN OF TONKAWA TRIBAL COUNCIL

(First two sentences not clear.) Mr. Moderator, Mr. Bellmon, members of the Indian Citizens for Action group, I come with a special resolution from my tribe. And it has a few of these resolutions the people have specified. First, I want to make something absolutely clear; I did not come up here--I didn't come up here--I don't consider myself a conservative, a liberal or any other label. I consider myself a Tonkawa and Ponca Indian. Our resolution reads as follows: "We here the undersigned, represent the Tonkawa Council for the drafting of the proposal describing the educational form of American Indian education. The primary purpose