

are full blood Indians. We have had problems in view of the additional treaties down through the years relating to our tribal (sentence inaudible). We found it is necessary to work some of these problems and each and every one of these issues has to be settled through the process of legislation. These (inaudible) of the mind in the past four years have walked at least one hundred miles in the hall of the Senate and the halls of the House of Representatives, in order to get (words not clear) which are of utmost importance to our region. The Indian people are a proud people. The Indian people are not asking for hand-outs from anyone. The Indian people don't want to leave; we don't want people on welfare. The Indian people are merely wanting Congress of the United States to first give us consideration of the debts these people owe and pass legislation by which we can manage our own affairs. I feel personally, in dealing with the Indian people over the past twelve or fifteen years very closely with all of the tribes in the jurisdiction of the Pawnee agency, that we have people who are capable of getting the opportunity of doing these in order to bring progress to our people to manage these programs that will get us on a (inaudible) basis. (Next several sentences inaudible.) This problem with legislation is something that has pretty near closed my heart as far as Indians are concerned, because we are all tax-payers. And I feel that not only have we helped you come into office and we worked hard to get you there and we want full consideration on all of our matters of legislation. We want a real close relationship with your office where we may come and talk, or when we make a recommendation or we have--because we as Indians in Oklahoma--where we can come to your office or come to see you unless we have to be (inaudible) so this is the only plea and request that I pray that your office will give every thought and consideration immediately to the problem and bring