

Osage agency the office of tribal guardian and tribal observer to serve as the guardian of all Osages who are then incompetent; that the tribal guardian's salary be set at a reasonable level and be paid from the estates to the individual guardian. If the fee is not sufficient, the balance is to be paid from bureau funds. If the fees exceed the salary expenses, the excess is to be credited to the bureau. This centralized guardian service under the close bureau supervision eliminate (inaudible) from the farm house system. We ask the government to require (words not clear) of legislation or minutes of the council meetings be kept on superintendents and be freely available to all members of the tribe. The executive session be prohibited to settle matters relating to personnel. Recently there was council that took a large legislative program to Washington and only a favored few had seen it. We oppose

this legislation until such time it is made public. A few years ago the Osage people were excluded from the Indian hospitals; public health services are now available to them. But every Osage no matter how small the (words not clear). We ask not only for our sakes but also for all tribes (inaudible) in these services, that treatment be limited to those with not less than one-fourth degree of Indian blood and their spouses and children. We ask further that the purposes of the Indian Claims Commission Act not be perverted but payment of the Indian claims to non-Indian persons (inaudible) of Osage blood. We ask (inaudible) be made per capita to reserve for program only to persons who have one-fourth degree or more of Osage blood. As for (words not clear), Senator, we ask that (words not, clear). Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Lohah. Has Johnny Williams arrived? Is there a representative on the Ponca tribal business committee who would like to make some remarks?