

some tribes do. They pay what they call real estate taxes, but that's not-- that's the main contact with the Indian. Some Indians don't pay the ad val-
orum taxes, where your money goes into the state, or county, or you don't
pay personal taxes. See, you're not obligated to pay that as long as you're
under the supervision of the government. Once when you get those papers,
competency papers, or certificate, why then your land goes on the tax roll,
which it already is, but soon as they get that they start paying taxes. Start
living like a white man, being a white man, they call it, have to be that
way. The agency can't help you if you get in trouble over lease or roadway
or something like that. You have to go to county court, you can't go to
the agency. The agency turn you loose, you're free. You're not really free,
you're just turned loose. The government doesn't have no dealings with you,
the agency. That's why I say it's bad for all Indians to get their competency
papers. While other tribes they call it patent fee, they call it, patent
fee, we call it competency papers. It's no good for the Indian as long as
they stay under the supervision of the government for the next 100 years (not
clear). Some Indians think they're smart, and got all the money, got all the
land, then lost it all. They don't have nothing. Poor supervisors don't
know how to supervise what they have, well how can you tell. That's why we
have some Indians now on a budget up here, don't know how to spend their money.
'Course like I say some of them have been on a dollar a day. 'Cause they're
under what they call--some what they call--

GUARDIAN MAY BE APPOINTED

call 'em guardians. Somebody watches out for you. Agency pays your money
to him then he gives you what you think you ought to have. He runs your
affairs. Makes the leases for you, he does them things for you. Then to get
out from under guardianship well you have to go to court to prove that you are
competent again.