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come to that radio and talk. We are gathered here to put over an organization and if there is any doubt in your minds that you can't push this thing over. I want you to get that out of your minds. We have already proved in Oklahoma that you can put anything over if you go after it the right way. There was a bill that was introduced by Senator Ed Moore of Oklahoma, S-1311, but I don't think he wrote it. I think somebody else did. It had the effect of removing the restrictions from the land the old Indians. Down in Oklahoma you can get enough money off 160 acres of land to make a good living if your appetite is not too much. I got on the radio and began talking about S-1311. I said this: Write to Senator Moore and to Senator Thomas and tell them you don't want this bill passed. I will say this. There are a lot of Indians of Oklahoma who did write letters like that and they sat down and wrote letters and we swamped the Senator, and the bill is practically dead. Senator Thomas told me that as long as he was Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee that bill will not pass. What I am trying to tell you is this. If you stick together and help the Indians fight their battle we will get what we need in this country.

JAMES DOUGMAH, Kiowa. I hope this organization will organize and start out by telling Congress what the Indian wants and not what Congress thinks we ought to have. Gentlemen, this is the biggest Council I have ever attended. I have been to a number of Councils in the State where we have several tribes represented and I trust that anything you do will be for the welfare of the Indians.

ROLY CANARD, Principal Chief of the Creek Nation. I was elected by my people and my commission or appointment was given me by the President. Fortunately, I am always interested in a good movement for the benefit of the Indians' common welfare, and I am for it.

MR. JOHN WHITE HORN, Assistant Chief of the Osage tribe. Due to the fact of the illness of the Principal Chief, Lookout, I am here representing my tribe. We came here, I brought two of the members of the Council with me, we merely came here to listen, we didn't come down here to make any kind of a talk. We came to see what you all have on your minds-whatever might be of benefit to the American Indian people. I, myself think it is a good idea. As far as talking for my people, I couldn't say that they would all be for it or not, but for myself, I think it is a good idea. For the simple reason you all know that the Congressmen and Representatives from Oklahoma, the things that Indian people need we hardly ever get what we want. We probably have to kneel down and pray for what we get.

HARRY RED EAGLE, Osage. I am glad to be here at this meeting. I am glad to see all of you.

PAUL PITTS, Osage.

HENRY THROSSELL, Chairman of the Papago Council. I am certainly glad to be here. I feel that it is more important where I see a bunch of Indians to always cut my speech short, especially about this time, where dinner is pretty close; and I make a hit with them. I don't see any body yet from Arizona. That means that I am going to have to shoulder a lot of responsibility to get my boys in Arizona to get them to take a hand in this. It has been one of my prime projects to see

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