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AT KENWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

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KENWOOD, OKLAHOMA

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12 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

13 Mr. Charles Gourd, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Mr. Paul Thomas, Pryor, Oklahoma

14 Mr. George Wickliffe, Kenwood, Oklahoma

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16 INTERPRETER:

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 EARL DAVIS

3 MR. DAVIS: My name's Earl Davis. I live here in
4 Kenwood. I have been here about nineteen years. Originally
5 from Colcord, Oklahoma. But since I have been here, my main
6 concern is, like George said awhile ago, it's getting these
7 council people in there, and you pay 'em, and vot them in to
8 do a job, that would be like you working at the court house,
9 if you're not doing your job, people are gonna get you out
10 of there. Okay, my main concern is, when these people don't
11 show up for council meetings, and if they don't do there
12 job, I think there ought to be a way to get them out after
13 certain amount of time if they're not there to do there job.
14 Because I know at work, if I don't do my job, I'll be out.
15 And they won't pay me, either.

16 MR. THOMAS: Let me ask you something about that. Do
17 you think that if you don't go to work, that someone outside
18 of your department where you work should be in charge of
19 your hearing, or do you think just the people in your
20 department ought to hear the charges against you?

21 MR. DAVIS: I think you oughta be there to hear your
22 charges. My opinion -- okay, if the question asked me,
23 okay, if somebody is getting charged with something, I think
24 that person ought to be sitting on the other side of the
25 table, like, defending theirself.

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1 MR. THOMAS: My point was, if a representative from
2 Rogers County didn't go to the meetings, do you think that
3 the citizens of Rogers County that elected him should remove
4 him, or do you think the whole Cherokee Nation ought to be
5 in on it?

6 MR. DAVIS: I think the county that elected him ought
7 to.

8 MR. THOMAS: That's what I wanted to get out. The
9 people that put you in are the ones that should take you
10 out.

11 MR. DAVIS: Right. I'm talking about the people that
12 we elected in Delaware County. I can't say nothing for
13 anybody in Mayes, because I didn't vote on it. But people
14 like -- yeah, that's what I think.

15 MR. THOMAS: All right. Thank you.

16 MR. DAVIS: And some other things -- my other gripe --
17 now I don't know if this is in here or not, but you know we
18 got a lot of tribal land. And they lease a lot of land to
19 the farmers. Which I have got no problem. But my problem
20 only comes up when we go hunting. Okay. We got all this
21 land and we can't hunt. And I have asked a couple of our
22 council -- board members there about checking into this for
23 the last three or four years.

24 MR. THOMAS: Charles Smoke came to me with that problem
25 two or three days ago and I asked -- I gave him some advise

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1 off the top of my head. I wasn't quite sure I was correct
2 -- that he should go to Tahlequah and read the lease that
3 that man signed, and in it it will tell what he can do, what
4 he can't do, what you can do as a sportsman, what you can
5 do.

6 MR. DAVIS: Right.

7 MR. THOMAS: I talked with Charlie here tonight and he
8 tells me I gave him pretty good advise.

9 MR. DAVIS: Okay. Now, my deal -- okay, I not a lot of
10 people that leases this land, and we've hunted there for
11 years. But, you know, now I was told by a council person
12 that says, well, they've got the right to say, well, you
13 can't hunt here. I said, "Well, that's your opinion." I
14 said, my opinion, I said, this is Cherokee Tribal land, am I
15 right? "Yeah." I said, okay. So he can afford to lease
16 the land and I can't, but it's our land, and I'm a Cherokee
17 and he's not, so that gives him more right to tell me what I
18 can do on our land, which is ours to start off with, but
19 he's leasing it from us.

20 MR. THOMAS: Hunting and fishing has been a traditional
21 sport in the old days that was a way of making a living --

22 MR. DAVIS: That's right.

23 MR. THOMAS: -- As far as time goes back, for Cherokee
24 people and other Indian tribes, too. And I still believe
25 the correct answer is to go down to the land office and pull

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1 that guy's file and see what it says in that lease, and
2 then you'll have the correct answer and you can confront him
3 -- you can have them make you a copy of that and say here,
4 here's a copy of your lease. Says --

5 MR. DAVIS: What he can do?

6 MR. THOMAS: Yes.

7 MR. DAVIS: Thank you. That answers my question.

8 DR. GOURD: I have addressed that to the Natural
9 Resources Committee. We've talked about -- we've recently
10 acquired eleven hundred acres in Sequoyah County. It was
11 was a Federal Wildlife Area, Corps of Engineers. And the
12 Corps -- you could go buy a permit from the Corps and go
13 hunt there. And so they've been calling saying that's
14 Cherokee land, do we buy a permit from Cherokee Nation, do
15 we buy one from the Corps, or can we not hunt there. And I
16 have asked Natural Resources Committee specifically to
17 address the issue of hunting and fishing rights of Cherokee
18 people, not only on Cherokee land that we still hold title
19 to, but within all the boundaries of the Cherokee Nation.
20 There is still an issue there of whether or not at statehood
21 that the Cherokee people gave up hunting and fishing rights.
22 Because unless you give up a right, you retain that right.
23 So that's why I suggested to Paul it should say somewhere in
24 that lease what rights the lease holder has and what the
25 Cherokee Nation retained.

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1 MR. THOMAS: If you don't get the right answer, when we
2 put this new constitution out, maybe we can put something in
3 there special, and you can tell your grandkids, I caused
4 that to happen.

5 MR. DAVIS: Yeah. That sounds great.

6 MR. THOMAS: This is a mementos thing. It's an
7 opportunity for people to set future regulations on down the
8 road for generations to come.

9 MR. DAVIS: Another thing. One more. A lot of these
10 old land grants they've got years ago, I was told while I
11 was in Kansas City, oh, say eight, ten months ago I was up
12 there visiting my uncle, and somebody said, did you know
13 that we was getting sued? I said no. So come to find out
14 there was some land out there that we didn't know that was
15 ours, and somebody moved in, had been living there and been
16 paying taxes and so on, so on and so. Is there any way -- I
17 know it may be too late now, but is there any way a person
18 can find out if they've got land out there that they could
19 let these kids have before somebody else moves in and takes
20 over?

21 MR. THOMAS: What county is it in?

22 MR. DAVIS: Delaware.

23 MR. THOMAS: I would go to the county clerk and ask to
24 see -- get the legal description on that property and take
25 it up to the county clerk and say --

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1 You have a legal right to do this. I just helped
2 a lady from California come in and look up her family's land
3 and what all happened to it right down, you know. And they
4 just opened up the books, boy, her and her husband just had
5 a field day looking at things, and they came out of there
6 with a lot of information. And they will have that
7 information on there.

8 MR. DAVIS: Well, like I say, I don't read that much
9 newspaper, because a lot of times their ain't time. But
10 they come back and tell me, well, you all are getting sued.
11 I say what about. They said, well, you all had some land
12 and wasn't paying taxes, so now we lost it. But now if
13 there is any more out there for somebody else that could
14 save them some --

15 MR. THOMAS: If it was in trust there is no way you
16 could have lost it.

17 DR. GOURD: Yes, there is. There are a number of
18 federal laws -- now this gets to Georgia's point about
19 removing federal restrictions and federal laws. It's
20 generically referred to as the '47 Act.
21 1947. It deals with individual restricted and trust
22 properties and whether or not an individual Cherokee can
23 have those restrictions removed or can a non-Indian through
24 adverse possession under Oklahoma state law. Adverse
25 possession says if I move on your land and you don't tell me

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1 to get out or don't complain for fifteen years, I take a
2 Quiet Title action to the court house and file it and it's
3 my land not yours. Now, that is happening all the time, and
4 it only applies because of the '47 Act to the Five Civilized
5 Tribes. We have legislation in Congress to try to reverse
6 that. I have maintained that we should bring a class action
7 lawsuit on behalf of all Cherokees, all five civilized
8 tribes, and look at the original allotment records, check
9 the court house records to the present to find out who it
10 claims to have an interest, and then force the federal
11 government to recover that property on behalf of individual
12 Indians. And I am going to get political, Paul, but it
13 ain't Cherokee polical.

14 MR. THOMAS: That's okay.

15 DR. GOURD: Our Congressman from this district, Tom
16 Coburn, will not support that bill. Now, on an Indian issue
17 bill in the federal Congress, the local Congressman has to
18 support it or nobody else take it. So if you are not
19 registered to vote, get out there and vote. But that's
20 where -- oh, that's a perfect point and I think what you are
21 bringing forward here -- this is the first time it's been
22 brought out to make specific reference to treaty rights. We
23 have to bring forward all of those rights we still retain,
24 and especially a section on land protection issues for
25 individual restricted and trust properties and track those

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1 all the way to the present. That's a brilliant suggestion.
2 There is nothing in here on our territorial claim of our
3 boundaries, and that gets to hunting and fishing go rights.

4 MR. DAVIS: Right.

5 DR. GOURD: That's brilliant.

6 MR. THOMAS: Whatever happened to that young man making
7 a test case up here of this lake, that, you know, he
8 purposely got caught by the game ranger, showed his

9 MR. DAVIS: (Indicated.)

10 MR. THOMAS: Was that you?

11 MR. DAVIS: Yeah.

12 MR. THOMAS: Well, what happened to you?

13 MR. DAVIS: They dropped it. I fought it all the way.
14 I told them if I had to I would go to the Supreme Court, and
15 they dropped it.

16 MR. THOMAS: Well, I was keenly interested in that, but
17 I never read the outcome in the paper.

18 MR. DAVIS: Well, my little boy was the one that
19 gigged the bass. It wasn't me. But I got the ticket.

20 DR. GOURD: In Cherokee County, last summer the state
21 game Warden gave a hundred dollar ticket to a Cherokee full
22 blood grandmother with her grandkids who was catching
23 crawdads in the creek so they would have something to eat
24 for supper. I went and talked to that game ranger. He
25 reduced it from a fine as to a warning. So I contacted our

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1 state legislators, and we might talk with Mr. Hutcheson from
2 this area, to change that provision vision, because what
3 they -- the game ranger gave her a ticket for was "harassing
4 crowdads." She wasn't harassing them. She was going to eat
5 them. You know, that's -- but there are specific
6 provisions. The Oklahoma Enabling Act, the '47 Act. There
7 are special provisions and federal law that only applies to
8 us, and that's blatant discrimination. So, you know, you
9 brought out some points that are absolutely essential that
10 we put in the constitution. We have got to define our
11 territory and claim our rights. Okay.

12 MR. WICKLIFFE: Okay. Thank you, Earl Davis.

13 And we will move on from here to the next speaker
14 to address the commission, and it's Mark Raper. We'll go
15 ahead and let him get up, or where ever he wants to get,
16 introduce himself, and let him go ahead and have the floor.

17 MARK RAPER

18 MR. RAPER: Good evening. My name's Mark Raper. I
19 have lived here about almost thirty-eight of my forty years
20 here. And what I see in this article is that when it was
21 made back in the eighteen hundreds, you know, it might have
22 been good back then, but things change, and I think we need
23 some safeguards. Because the worst thing that can probably
24 destroy a constitution is probably greed more than anything
25 else. And maybe we could have some like oversight

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1 committees or ethnic groups, too, you know, because we need
2 to have like checks and balances, because sometimes when one
3 branch might be too powerful, you know, that maybe like the
4 judicial department, can't com -- repel, you know. That's
5 what we need. We need -- like I said, that's a good thing,
6 though, like committees being -- that absenteeism. We put
7 them there because they said they would do a good job. And
8 when they don't do it, you know, we don't have no say.

9 DR. GOURD: Right.

10 MR. RAPER: That's one thing that disturbs me, too.
11 When they do these meetings, I just don't like the reason
12 when they have closed door sessions, cause -- executive
13 order.

14 MR. WICKLIFFE: Executive session. Yeah.

15 MR. RAPER: Yeah, if it's up to the people, I think
16 you should hear what the vote is, to prevent shielding. I
17 think they shield themselves what they really think.

18 MR. THOMAS: There is something new that came out about
19 closed meetings and everything opened except executive
20 session now, and the vote has to be made public. Now, if
21 they are talking about somebody is running around on his
22 wife, then they exclude everybody and just have an executive
23 session for that. Would you be in favor of that being
24 closed?

25 MR. RAPER: Yes.

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1 MR. THOMAS: Unless it was Cherokee business; right?

2 MR. RAPER: Well, even all business, they should be
3 open, cause sometimes they have a cloak and daggeri.

4 MR. THOMAS: I understand what you are saying, because
5 they do have an executive privilege for conversation
6 relating to the employee that is brought up for disciplinary
7 action, and in some cases they do go into executive
8 session. But it would be a private -- probably a private
9 matter.

10 MR. RAPER: You know, every operation and budget
11 expenditures and profits, it should be out in the open. But
12 sometimes, like a couple of years ago, I didn't know they
13 owed two million dollars to a bank. They didn't tell
14 anybody, you know, they was trying to slide one fund to
15 another, you know, to cover it, and they need to have good
16 accountability of their budgets.

17 MR. THOMAS: You are right. That's good.

18 DR. GOURD: Yeah, there is a section on physical
19 responsibility. Yeah.

20 MR. RAPER: I might add, some of it's great, but, you
21 know, as I said earlier, as the world evolves some things
22 need to be upgraded.

23 DR. GOURD: Yes.

24 MR. RAPER: Some things could work in this period may
25 not work in this, because it's too much bureaucrats now.

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1 MR. THOMAS: One of our problems has been things that
2 are in here, where there was violations and it was brought
3 to the attention of the public and warrants issued, but the
4 Marshals wouldn't serve them. So once again we have got a
5 breakdown in the mechanism of the Cherokee Nation Government
6 that ought to be corrected.

7 MR. RAPER: Well, that's one thing about checks and
8 balances too that should come in.

9 DR. GOURD: Right.

10 MR. RAPER: Usually the judicial department is suppose
11 to have better authority than all the other executive and
12 branches below it. And they should be the law. No one is
13 above the law, either, federal, state, and ours, you know.

14 DR. GOURD: Uh-huh.

15 MR. RAPER: And they shouldn't be stonewalling, you
16 know, they should stand up and be acting for what they have
17 done or haven't done.

18 DR. GOURD: Uh-huh.

19 MR. RAPER: But all in all, we still have big problems
20 with discrimination, like Earl was talking about, and that
21 woman and getting the hundred dollar ticket.

22 DR. GOURD: Yeah.

23 MR. RAPER: We need to provide better services too, you
24 know. Like the elderly, we need to have some kind of funds
25 for it, because there is some people have long passed away

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1 and they have been waiting for some kind of approval for
2 years and years.

3 DR. GOURD: Yes.

4 MR. RAPER: By the time they get around to it there is
5 nothing you can do about it.

6 DR. GOURD: We are finding that everywhere. Another
7 part of the question about the powers of the judicial
8 branch, in the constitution it restricts them to -- again,
9 this is why people wanted to remove reference to Oklahoma
10 law -- it says they shall follow the Administrative
11 Procedures Act of Oklahoma Statute. And that's -- that's
12 like an employee grievance committee.

13 So there is a limitation on the balance of power
14 and the checks and balances that's defined in the
15 distribution of powers, so this constitution isn't
16 consistent of itself, but that's exactly -- so you are
17 talking about an oversight?

18 MR. RAPER: Yeah.

19 DR. GOURD: Ethics commission. And that's been
20 discussed before.

21 MR. WICKKLIFFE: Yeah, it has.

22 DR. GOURD: A Stronger definition for collection and
23 balances between the branches of government, and then a very
24 strong section on what is public information. Open
25 meetings?

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1 MR. RAPER: Uh-huh.

2 DR. GOURD: Okay. Yes.

3 MR. RAPER: I would like to point out, when this was
4 made, there was college professors would tell you this was
5 probably the best constitution ever written back in it's
6 time.

7 DR. GOURD: Right.

8 MR. RAPER: I think we should keep some of it, you
9 know.

10 DR. GOURD: Yes.

11 MR. RAPER: And as far as like Dawes Rolls, you know,
12 my parents are born after that, you know. But I know we
13 have to keep records.

14 DR. GOURD: Yeah.

15 MR. RAPER: I think we should keep records safe,
16 because there is some came up to me said they can't track
17 because of Dawse Rolls, their families didn't register.

18 DR. GOURD: Right.

19 MR. THOMAS: You got yours through your grandparents
20 number; didn't you?

21 MR. RAPER: Yeah.

22 MR. THOMAS: Because your parents are too young.

23 MR. GOURD: Yeah.

24 MR. THOMAS: So did I.

25 DR. GOURD: See, that's the whole thing. We have a

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1 closed roll. And that's another problem. We have to take
2 birth and death records and trace to somebody that was on
3 the Dawse Roll. That means they were an Indian. We have to
4 trace to somebody who was an Indian. If we had an open
5 roll, all you do is take your most -- your parents, your
6 birth certificate on your parents and that you are your
7 parents' kid, and you have your own roll number. We have a
8 registry number. And that's a big difference.

9 We, again, are the only tribe with a closed roll.
10 In the entire United States. Everybody else has -- it's an
11 open roll number, and the tribe, itself, defines who can and
12 who cannot get on it.

13 MR. WICKLIFFE: Another thing, too, the United States
14 Government has not defined who "an Indian" is. They have
15 not done that. They still leave that up to tribes. We can
16 define who "an Indian" is gonna be. We can have --.

17 In fact, I had a full blood who could talk
18 Cherokee lived by me one time, he could not get a roll
19 number. But I'll tell you what, he could trace his blood by
20 getting affidavits signed. And he could become a member
21 that way if we would allow that. And we could do that.

22 We could also do that for the people in Texas, or
23 any where they are at if they can furnish us the
24 documentation, you know, that we may ask for.

25 DR. GOURD: Uh-huh.

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1 MR. WICKLIFFE: We can do that ourselves. The United
2 States Government does not tell us who "an Indian" is. So
3 that's something that we need to think about.

4 There were a lot of Cherokees that did not enroll
5 in the Dawse Commission when -- or Dawse Rolls. They did
6 not get on it, because they didn't want to have the United
7 States Government telling them what to do. They thought
8 that would be what would happen. There were also a lot of
9 people who didn't have any Indian blood that enrolled full
10 bloods; didn't they?

11 MR. GOURD: Uh-huh.

12 MR. WICKLIFFE: And, so that's -- that's something
13 we're going to have to really address here to night.

14 MR. RAPER: Yes, I do think we should have some kind of
15 office of records of that, and land, and things that
16 happened through the years. It's for history sake, you
17 know. We can't lose it, you know, that way. But that's all
18 I want to say right now.

19 DR. GOURD: Yeah. That's brilliant. Yes. That's
20 exactly what we are about. Thank you.

21 MR. THOMAS: Thanks a lot.

22 MR. RAPER: Yeah.

23 MR. WICKLIFFE: : I want to thank Mark for his
24 comments, and we will go on to the next speaker who has
25 signed up. I think Scotty will be talking to us in

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1 English. I know he can talk Cherokee as well. Scotty
2 Scuggins.

3 SCOTTY SCUGGINS

4 MR. SCUGGINS: My name is Scotty Scuggins. I am a
5 registered voter from here. I have been living here 42
6 years. And I have got something to say about this land
7 allotment. Like, I have been trying -- they have been
8 trying to chase me off my land over here. Different people
9 come down here, they tell me to move off that land. And I
10 want to know who I have to go to before -- just to make sure
11 all that land/s in my name.

12 MR. THOMAS: Have you been to the --.

13 Is this Delaware County?

14 MR. SCUGGINS: Yes.

15 MR. THOMAS: Have you been to the County Clerk's
16 Office?

17 MR. SCUGGINS: Uh-huh.

18 MR. THOMAS: And the piece of ground you have got, who
19 do they say own that?

20 MR. SCUGGINS: My dad.

21 MR. THOMAS: Is he living?

22 MR. SCUGGINS: No, he isn't.

23 MR. THOMAS: Did he have a Will?

24 MR. SCUGGINS: He had a will.

25 MR. THOMAS: Does he have a probate and all the

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1 children got so much?

2 MR. SCUGGINS: Yes.

3 MR. THOMAS: And you are named in that?

4 MR. SCUGGINS: Yes.

5 MR. THOMAS: How do your brothers and sisters feel
6 about you being on the property?

7 MR. SCUGGINS: I don't have no brothers and sisters.

8 MR. THOMAS: Why?

9 MR. SCUGGINS: They are all passed away.

10 MR. THOMAS: I see. Then you ought to be the owner by
11 survivorship, and you need to get up to the court house and
12 get that documented, I would say. I am not an attorney,
13 but --

14 MR. GOURD: Who is saying that they own the property
15 adverse to your ownership?

16 MR. SCRUGGINS: Some people from Texas.

17 MR. THOMAS: If it isn't on the record up there at
18 Jay -- Or is it on the record?

19 MR. WICKLIFFE: Had they paid taxes on it or something?

20 MR. SCRUGGINS: No, no one has paid taxes. That's
21 restricted land.

22 DR. GOURD: Okay.

23 MR. WICKLIFFE: And how in the world would someone
24 from Texas --

25 MR. SCRUGGINS: I don't know.

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1 DR. GOURD: Have you been to the nation offices and
2 talked to realty?

3 MR. SCRUGGINS: To Tahlequah and Muskogee.

4 MR. GOURD: Okay. What did they say?

5 MR. SCRUGGINS: They said -- well, they said the guy's
6 got a perfect right. Well, I just want to see if he still
7 had the right.

8 MR. WICKLIFFE: Who is this guy?

9 MR. SCRUGGINS: A guy by the name of Pierce. Fred
10 Pierce. Suppose to be a big shot up in Texas.

11 MR. THOMAS: Suppose to be what?

12 MR. SCRUGGINS: Pierce.

13 MR. THOMAS: What proof has he got?

14 MR. SCRUGGINS: I don't know. He say he's got a letter
15 from my dad written to him.

16 DR. GOURD: If you will give me your dad's name and
17 your name, I will talk to Annette Jenkins tomorrow and find
18 out what they have on the record where I can understand it,
19 but that gets to what I was talking about the '47 act --

20 MR. SCRUGGINS: Yeah.

21 DR. GOURD: -- and how individual Indians are losing
22 land every day. Ed Jumper's got some property over in Adair
23 County. Exactly; right? We have been down the road on this
24 one. And unless we stand up now and do something and --

25 Any way I can get back in touch with you?

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1 MR. SCRUGGINS: Yeah.

2 DR. GOURD: I will go and ask them.

3 MR. SCRUGGINS: Well, right now the land's suppose to
4 be in mom's name.

5 MR. WICKLIFFE: I don't understand. In other words, we
6 need to put something in there that weakens the 1947 Act on
7 adverse possession, is that usually the way that works?

8 DR. GOURD: (Nodded head.)

9 MR. WICKLIFFE: And it works even with people on trust
10 land.

11 DR. GOURD: Well, what's happened, when they passed the
12 Oklahoma Enabling Act and Curtis Act, that's when the
13 President got the authority from congress to appoint the
14 chief. So we had a chief appointed by the President of the
15 United States from 1907 till 1971. And then when this
16 constitution came in, we elect our own chief now. They also
17 did away with the judicial branch. The federal statute said
18 that for individual Indian restricted and trust properties,
19 in the five civilized tribes only, this doesn't apply to
20 Indians anywhere else, it goes to state courts and state
21 laws apply. In Western Oklahoma and any other Indian
22 country areas, it goes to a court within the bureau. It's
23 called a CFR, Code of Federal Regulation Court, and federal
24 laws apply against taking lands from individual Indians
25 that's restricted in trust. Now, the bureau, I maintain,

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1 has not upheld it's trust responsibility to individual
2 Indians to protect their land interest. But that '47 act
3 that we have been trying to get fixed is the problem, and we
4 are losing land all the time. That is a major problem, you
5 know --

6 MR. WICKLIFFE: That would require a new article added
7 somewhere in the constitution.

8 DR. GOURD: Well, we need something here on treaty
9 rights and land protections. Yes -- yeah.

10 MR. THOMAS: Is your mother living?

11 MR. SCRUGGINS: No, she passed away in '81. Dad passed
12 away in '96.

13 MR. THOMAS: Well, be sure you stay on it.

14 MR. SCRUGGINS: That's where I have been living at.

15 MR. THOMAS: Don't leave home without it.

16 DR. GOURD: Give me as many names, if you have legal
17 description, so I can go to Annette. It's listed by legal
18 description and by name, and I will find out the status of
19 the title.

20 MR. WICKLIFFE: Or warranty deed, if you've got one.

21 MR. GOURD: I will visit with you when we are through
22 here and I will get back with you.

23 MR. THOMAS: Thanks a lot.

24 DR. GOURD: Thank you.

25 MR. WICKLIFFE: To this point anyone else sign up?

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