

Mr. MACNICOL: Do some of the representatives represent the Muncies and the Delewares?

The WITNESS: They belong to a different reservation.

The CHAIRMAN: I think, gentlemen, we should get along with the brief.

Mr. REID: Mr. Chairman, I am not raising a point of order, yet it is a point of order. When this man made his presentation we had him give a breakdown which no other Indian delegate was asked for at the start and we have been given the actual number of voters.

Now, this later may be held against the band. It is something new in this committee. We have had delegation after delegation and they have told us the number of the band and the number in the association, but we have never asked them for a breakdown of the actual number of voters. Now, he told us at the start that they represent 5,500. This man has been good enough to tell us right down to the last detail how many votes were cast, which is something remarkable; but I do not want that held against this man and I do not think it should be done, not at this stage. If we were going to do that in one case we should have interrogated every witness and said, "Let us have the entire number of Indians and the number of voters." We have not done that before.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: Oh, yes, we have.

Mr. REID: Will you show me where we did that? I do not like the situation to be raised at this stage of the proceedings.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not think it means very much because this witness, whether he is a member of the band or whether he is not, was appointed by the council of his reserve.

Mr. REID: That should be sufficient for this committee.

The CHAIRMAN: That is right.

Mr. MACNICOL: Let us get on with the submission.

Mr. REID: I am not apologizing for bringing this matter up and having it put on the record.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: What we are interested in is to get a proper representation from all the Indians, and I think this witness should give us information as to whom he represents and that opportunity will be given to other delegates.

Mr. REID: It should have been done before, if we are going to do it now.

The CHAIRMAN: This gentleman has been appointed by the council of the Six Nations reserve and I do not care who he is or what he is. He has been appointed to come here, and that is sufficient for our purpose.

Mr. REID: Yes. It is all on the record now, and I am content.

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, as a non-member of the council, as an individual, I would like to express my appreciation for the privilege of appearing before this body and state that I believe it is the general feeling of the average individual on the reserve—a feeling of gratitude that we should at long last have been consulted at a time when the laws which govern us are about to be revised. With your permission I will proceed with the brief, copies of which you all have.

The Council of the Six Nations Indians of the Grand River, on behalf of their people, make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, appointed to examine and consider the Indian Act.

#### 1. THE STATUS OF THE SIX NATIONS

(a) Your committee is requested to clarify the status of the Six Nations for the following reasons.