

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Good afternoon. Earlier this year we went to see Anna Bell Romaro, and we introduced this legislature through Johnson and Herseth. We wanted to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977. And respectfully we request that the tribe set its own eligibility guidelines. And how we did that was by adding a paragraph that's stated here. (At which time the request was read out loud.) It's a needs-based program, and we did submit this and I don't know where it's at right now. We gave it to all those Congress people and we gave it to Anna Bell Romaro.

MS. BARNES: We haven't seen it.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: It's a piece of legislation. If need be, maybe I could take your cards and have Senator Johnson tell you what this legislation is, what our tribe wants. There is a lot of reasons why and I could go on. There is a long list about it, and there is some things that do need to be seriously looked at because we are entitled, you know. And there is a piece of legislation here too, that says simply here it says you simply give up 60 miles off the east side of your territories here and that is entirely worthless to you, and to give white men permission to make three roads through your reservation to that territory at the Black Hills.

And it's been paid for and that you get for friendship of the United States Government, and rations as long as you need them, no matter whether it is for five years or 500 years. You are all men of judgment, and you know what the making of a treaty with the United States Government means. You know that it is, an agreement made to be kept by both sides as long as the treaty specifies. And the commission pledges you their faith that they'll do everything in their power to see that the United States Government observes the treaty. And this is the legislation that was given to them. So if you don't have this, it's a good idea, because this comes from us or from this area. But it's something that we would like to do. Right now we have a lot of families, like Miss Elk Nation said, that are ineligible and the guidelines, a lot of people are missing out, and there is no guidelines when they first passed this. There is no guidelines, so, we would like to set our own guidelines. Thank you.