

Staging a hearing inside the protest

Congressmen Miller and Burton chairing the hearing, with Joe Quinn interpreting in American Sign Language.



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On day ten of the sit-in, congressmen George Miller and Phillip Burton declared the occupied floor of the Federal Building a “satellite office of Congress.” The five-hour testimony from protesters attracted the media. For the first time people with disabilities were experts with valuable knowledge.

From left to right: Mary Jane Owen, Dick Santos and Gil Johnson give testimony on the blind panel.



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