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SENATOR DWORAK: What is he yielding? It is my time.
Senator Maresh....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have a question. I asked him whether he yielded to your question.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Maresh, was there any testimony against this bill at the committee hearing?

SENATOR MARESH: No, sir, Senator Dworak. There were several that appeared in favor of the bill and no opposition.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Maresh, I would like to ask you if you considered doctors from other places other than Canada? For example, in some of the northern area of Nebraska I understand there are some Filipino doctors and some Vietnamese doctors or doctors from the Orient and I wondered if your bill considered any of these or if you entertained the idea of adding other races or countries to your bill. Was this discussed in the committee?

SENATOR MARESH: No, Senator Nichol, as you will note in the bill, farther on it states that if foreign students do come to Canada and they are recognized by Canada by the provinces that compare to ours, then they shall be recognized by Nebraska. In other words, if a Filipino doctor would locate in Canada, passed their test and come to Nebraska, he would be automatically be recognized as if he graduated from a Canadian school.

SENATOR NICHOL: But this recognizes only Canadian schools.

SENATOR MARESH: Right. I think we would need special legislation for other countries because each country has different standards and I would hate to open it up. We found that Canadian doctors compare to our doctors in most of the provinces I understand so there should be no problem as far as recognizing them.

SENATOR NICHOL: I think you have answered my second question. It was whether or not doctors had investigated, in your investigation if you had questioned doctors as to this fact that students studying in Canada were prepared