

back and have reciprocity under any condition but Canada is. Canada has the same examinations. They buy the examinations the same as we do, same people and they are all qualified the same as our doctors are qualified here and that is what the whole bill is about.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan. First of all, do you want to answer the question about the committee statement or read the committee statement?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, Mr. President. The committee statement was prepared and should be in the Clerk's office and somewhere evidently did not wind up in the bills. The committee statement is as follows: "This bill was introduced by Senator Maresh. The purpose is to permit persons who have passed the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada to have reciprocity to practice medicine in Nebraska. Physicians licensed in Canada who graduated from medical school other than in the United States or Canada would be required to pass the examinations required of foreign medical graduates as currently provided by Nebraska statute. Proponents: Rex Higley, Department of Health; Ken Wall, Department of Health; Steven Tiwald, Lincoln, Nebraska. There were no opponents. There were no amendments. Committee action: A motion by Senator Kennedy, seconded by Senator Clark to advance LB 34 to General File. The motion was carried on vote of seven, zero, zero. Senator Cullan, Kennedy, Goodrich, Clark, Maresh, Simon and Wesely all supported the bill." In addition to providing you with that information I would like to agree with Senator Clark. We must be very careful when we grant reciprocity to examine carefully the credentials of the country or province or state that we grant reciprocity to. You have to be careful to prevent doctors coming from some countries where the standards are very low, prevent them from practicing in the United States without meeting our standards and our qualifications and I would certainly oppose any attempts to expand this beyond what the bill is currently. Senator Nichol may have good suggestions. In that case I would think we should spend as much time investigating reciprocity to other countries as we have with respect to Canada. Again, I support Senator Maresh's bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope and then Senator Kahle.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Maresh.