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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you yield?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Senator Maresh, I presume that the Department will get a thorough check of the doctor that is coming from Canada even though he does have the qualifications as far as degree but they would check to be sure that there were no court cases and that sort of thing against him.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Cope, this will be closely watched. Rex Higley assures us that there will be no problems, that they will be treated just like any other doctor that is licensed in the state. They will make sure that they are qualified and their records are correct and all provisions that we require of our doctors.

SENATOR COPE: Thank you. I certainly would support this legislation. It is just another means to get more doctors and especially in greater Nebraska, Senator Cullan.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle and then Senator Koch. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I guess the only question that I might have and I don't know who to direct it to, either Senator Cullan or Senator Maresh, but how do we control...are these doctors required to apply for citizenship. Are they here on a visa? How are they here? We just had a hearing a couple of days ago about the wetbacks coming over, the illegal aliens coming in and we were trying to stop that and now because we need doctors we might be changing our spots and saying well we will let you come in. I think some of the Mexican-Americans that testified the other day said that well they were welcome here when we needed them but now we don't need them so they can't come in. Can somebody answer this?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you want to answer the question?

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Kahle, I was visiting with Senator Beutler and I didn't hear the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to repeat the question please?

SENATOR KAHLE: Are they required to apply for citizenship or are they in here on a visa or how do you handle the citizenship problem?