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SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion? The motion is to advance the bill to E & R for... Do you want to speak to this one now?

SENATOR DWORAK: Did I understand Senator Maresh right in saying that this bill treats the Virgin Islands as a state?

SENATOR MARESH: That is the way I understand it. It states, a provision is added to disqualify illegal aliens from receiving unemployment insurance benefits and the Virgin Islands are referred to as if they are a state. That is the committee statement. That is the way the law was changed to treat the Virgin Islands as a state. That is correct.

SENATOR DWORAK: In relation to aliens, Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Illegal aliens, right.

(Both talking at once.)

SENATOR DWORAK: People from the Virgin Islands now are not considered an illegal alien. Is that what I understand you are doing, in the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR MARESH: I don't think that is the intent for the Virgin Islands to be referred to as a state. It is just changing the language to be referred to as a state, but as far as illegal alien part, I don't think that has any effect. This is just some clarifying language, I think.

SENATOR DWORAK: Doesn't this bill pertain to illegal aliens?

SENATOR MARESH: Right, the intent of the bill but this is some clarification language in part...(interruption.)

SENATOR DWORAK: As to who isn't an illegal alien?

SENATOR MARESH: No, I mean the Virgin Island part is just some clarification in the old language and the main thrust of the bill is the new language in the bill which deals with illegal aliens. The Virgin Islands is just some clarification language.

SENATOR DWORAK: So people from Virgin Islands are not illegal aliens?