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SENATOR MARESH: No, no, no.

SENATOR DWORAK: They are not?

SENATOR MARESH: No.

SENATOR DWORAK: How do you prove whether they are an illegal alien or not?

SENATOR MARESH: I don't think they ever were. Were they?

SENATOR DWORAK: I don't know. What are we messing around with the Virgin...?

SENATOR MARESH: I don't think so. When the committee heard the bill this wasn't the intent of the bill. It was to get into compliance with federal government mandate about treating the illegal aliens not to be qualified for unemployment compensation.

SENATOR DWORAK: So we are not making the Virgin Islands a state then with this bill?

SENATOR MARESH: In the old language in the bill it changes the Virgin Islands to be in Washington, D.C., and other provisions to state that they are treated as a state. That is just some clarification language.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you for that very clear explanation, Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: I couldn't see where we had to change that part but that is what was recommended so we adopted that part.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: A question of Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Maresh, unemployment compensation, now the companies will be paying in if they hire...supposing they have a company in Omaha that has got three hundred employees, fifty of them are illegal aliens. Now the company will be paying in to the fund, it is withheld from the paychecks for the unemployment, won't they?

SENATOR MARESH: Well I think that is up to the employer