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to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and....or Mr. President, or Mr. Presiding Officer and colleagues, I guess I have some problems with the Johnson amendment in that there is a waiting period or qualifying period as I understand it for full citizenship privileges. This waiting period or qualifying period must be in existence to serve some function. I am not sure what that function is. I am not that familiar with this situation, but I do believe, you know, we have apprentices in the union situation before they are full fledged members, we have all types of training programs. We have med students, etcetera, etcetera, before they are doctors. Now all of a sudden to immediately give these people equal and full status with those citizens of this country, I am not so sure this is good policy. I don't mean this to be in a discriminatory fashion in any way, but if we can justify out of state tuition, and I imagine we basically justify that on the basis that the people of Nebraska have paid with their taxes for these institutions. If somebody comes from Iowa who has not supported these institutions or Iran or any place, should they not pay higher because they have not supported these institutions with their previous earnings and tax base. I accept this philosophy, and I don't think Senator Koch's changing this philosophy, he is only bringing it into current status, but if that philosophy is valid, and if there is validity with this qualifying period or waiting period, waiting for naturalization, then I think the rewards of citizenship along with the responsibilities of citizenship should be postponed until they have achieved this level. I would listen to Senator Johnson close. He may have some new arguments that he has not presented in his opening. But from what I have heard so far, I think I would oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you wish to speak to the Johnson amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question if he would yield, please.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Johnson, under your amendment could you tell me what supported by documentary proof would mean?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes. Qualified documentary proof would