

That is basically what we are talking about when you are a citizen you get full citizenship privileges. Now, why Congress puts a five-year waiting period in there, I don't know. I don't understand that. I don't think anybody on the floor does. Nobody has discussed it and that is really what the issue is about. I think that we are in an area that we have no business being in. I don't think we should be making exceptions, which is obviously against the intent that Congress intended when they put that five-year qualification period in there, which really does not have anything to do with Senator Koch's bill, and I think that we were right in defeating the Johnson amendment and I think we would be just as right now to defeat the Vickers amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any further discussion on the Vickers amendment? Okay, Senator Vickers, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I would like to just in answer to Senator Dworak's concern, we are not talking about citizenship. We are not talking about giving these people the right to vote, and all the other benefits that go with citizenship. Citizenship and residency are entirely two different things. It's true. Senator Dworak, it's true, these people are not citizens. If a Vietnamese family has come to this state and they are living in one of the towns of this state or any place in the state of Nebraska, and they are working and they are paying taxes, they are supporting the University the same as everybody else in the state of Nebraska are. They cannot vote. They are not citizens, and they won't be for at least a period of five years. He is correct. But if that family has a student at the University of Nebraska, since they are residents and since they are supporting this state, why should we treat them any different than any of the other people that are living in this state? And that is what my amendment does. My amendment says that if they are going... if they intend to become a permanent resident, then instead of waiting for that five-year period before they get their citizenship then we can treat them as a permanent resident. But it does not allow the student coming in from Iran, Saudi Arabia or some other foreign country that intends to be here just long enough to get their education and turn around and go back. They don't have that green card. They don't have a permanent residence card. So they are not going to be treated as a resident, and I think that is fair. I urge the body's adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Vickers amendment to the