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support Legislative Resolution 339 and I am entirely serious, Senator Wesely. Resolutions, members of the Legislature, are more than just puff. Resolutions are an expression of the intent of this Legislature and resolutions mean something to some people, and they certainly mean something to state agencies and to others. I know Senator Kremer and I in the Public Works Committee have passed resolutions directed at the Natural Resources Commission on how they should conduct themselves with respect to certain things. Resolutions should not be developed and thrown in front of the Legislature, in my opinion, and be automatically approved in this fashion. Now, Senator Wesely is dealing with a subject here that I believe should be involved in the regular process through the Legislature. This resolution purports to set standards as far as licensure is concerned. That being the case, this resolution probably should have been introduced in the form of a bill. It should have been processed. There should have been some input from the Public Health Committee which deals perhaps more than any other in the Legislature with regulation. Now Senator Wesely wants to use this resolution to tell someone whether or not they should introduce a bill. He can do that without this resolution but I would just urge you today not to adopt this resolution. It hasn't been given any thought certainly by myself or by the members of the Public Health Committee which deal with this subject matter. If we are going to set standards and criteria for what licensure, what the criteria for licensure should be, then we should do that with some thought, with some study, with some reasonable analysis. Let's not just throw these standards up here in a meaningless fashion, ratify them in two seconds and have them become an expression of the policy of this Legislature. That in my mind is not the responsible way to act and so while, Senator Wesely, I was happy to support your three previous resolutions, I am sorry, but I can't support number four and I would hope that you would not adopt this resolution as a policy of the Legislature when obviously we have not had the time to see if these are the criteria or if these are the kinds of questions that should be asked. We don't know whether this is binding or not. We don't know what the effect of this is. I simply think it is a waste of our time to process it even, and further, I believe that it may contain some things that we don't want. We really don't know. So I would urge you to reject it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would certainly have to agree with Senator Cullan. This is the way we do to all these people the twelve years I

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