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Senator Cullan's motion to reconsider our action on LB 270. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Barrett. Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise in opposition to Senator Cullan's motion to reconsider LB 270. I think it is unfortunate that Senator Cullan was not here last week when the bill was debated fully, debated fully and debated on its merits. And at that time this body in its wisdom indefinitely postponed the bill as it should have done, in my opinion, and I see no further reason for debate on the bill at this time. Here we are on the 4th day of February, the 20th day in the 60 day session of the 2nd Session of the 87th Legislature, we are one-third of the way through the short session which as we all know is the pressure packed session, considering action on a bill which met a very timely death last week. Frankly, I believe we have more important things to do than to readdress a bill which we killed last week. The bill has been around before. Some of you remember it as I believe 372. The bill went nowhere then. Virtually the same bill went nowhere last week. Here we are beating it around again. I think it is ridiculous. The issue is very simple. Either we want very minimal, and I stress the word minimal, licensure requirements for our children in day care, or we don't. The Legislature said last week, we want these minimal standards. We have already shown a very strong initiative in protecting our children. We have reasserted the state's rights in setting basic standards in child care. This we did by killing the bill once. The legislative body has indicated its opposition to the bill. I suggest to you that we should not take the time to debate the matter again. I strongly urge you to vote against the reconsideration action. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise too to oppose the reconsideration motion. Speaker Marvel has talked time and again about floor time on debate. This bill was debated at length and decision was made to kill it. It was a proper decision a week ago. It is the proper decision today to keep that bill from coming back up on the floor and taking the time of this Legislature. The decision was good last week. The decision is good this week that this bill not proceed, not