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most effective thing would be a state no-call list and, in my opinion, it would be the second most effective thing to a national no-call list that was enforced by law, and I think eventually we will get there. But this bill and bills like this are important for getting there, because it's people like us, acting for our constituents, that have to let the telemarketers and the whole industry know that there needs to be an easy way to avoid these kinds of calls; that people do not like this and it's not fair to them, for reasons that I'll try to point out later, and there needs to be an easy system, the easiest system possible for avoiding these kinds of calls if you are one of those persons that does not want to take these kinds of calls in your limited evenings...in the limited evenings that you have. You can argue about how effective or not effective the current systems are, but I would simply make one statement to you about how effective your constituents think current systems are. The Georgia experience, Georgia just started their no-call list. When I testified before the committee about a month ago the latest figures were that 125,000 people had signed up in the first four months, 125,000 people in the first four months. We updated those figures now two months later and the figure is 225,000 people have signed up for that no-call list. So if the telemarketers are telling you that what exists now is okay, ask them why 225,000 Georgians signed up for their no-call list in the first six months. The equivalent,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...Georgia has roughly five times as many people as we do. If Nebraskans were as interested in this system as Georgians are, then we would expect somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 to 50 thousand people to sign up for the Nebraska list. Now that's not taking away by any means any large percentage of the households available to telemarketers. It doesn't even approach, I don't think, 10 percent of possible households they could call. But it's going to save them a lot of problems too, I believe, because they will then not be wasting calls on households who do not want to hear from them. I cannot believe that any telemarketer would have much success calling a household that did not want to receive their call in the first instance.