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SENATOR BEUTLER: No. No, Senator. As I understand it, the national list that the Direct Telemarketing Association has does not have a cost associated with it.

SENATOR VRTISKA: No, I had a question mark. You didn't say it...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sorry.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...had a cost, but what you said was that there was no way for them to be...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...stopped or penalized or any way that we had any control over them. It just a...you just ask them to not call you, but if they did there's nothing you can do about it. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right. The organization itself may have some internal penalties of some sort, but there is no force of law behind that list or anything else that we do except the FCC law that applies to the individual telemarketer who calls you, and you can tell that one telemarketer not to call you again and that has the force of law behind it.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the last question I need to ask, and I think it's important that we get an answer as near as you can give it to us, and that's what's the attitude of telephone companies. Obviously, they make money off these telemarketers. Are they, in fact, the ones who do not agree that this is a good idea to put this kind of restriction or not?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't believe I've heard from...I don't think I've heard from any of the telephone companies, maybe one. I don't think they're...I don't think they're excited about any idea that...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...cuts down on the total number of calls.