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before. Senator Beutler a couple years ago I think had pieces of this. Actually, the committee amendments, as it advanced forward here out of the committee, are parts...there's a couple pieces of Senator Beutler's former bill in there. But basically, the committee amendments are the bill now, but most of the green copy is retained. I'll tell you the committee amendments change some definitions in there about who is a state licensee; charitable contributions, it defines that. These are all on definition on the first page of the bill. Established business relationship, it says that means a relationship between a seller and a consumer based on, and then fills that out. If consumer purchased something, then they have 18 months of...a window there of 18 months; if it's a consumer inquiry, they have three months. These are all definitions in the first page of the bill. The original bill was drafted when Congress was working on legislation. They still are, and we incorporated some of the things on the federal level into the committee amendments. Some of those have panned out on the federal level, some of them have not, but one of them that sticks out, of course, is the \$11,000 penalty for a violation, which we have all agreed to will work with that, get that more in line with what I suppose the violation would reflect, rather than \$11,000. The committee amendments also require the Public Service Commission to investigate violations of a state licensee. It changes the costs, the fees involved for placement of your name on the no-call list. That also is in the committee amendment. As Senator Smith said, there are some differences of opinion, I guess, between what we want to do here with the committee amendments or the original green copy. Myself, I think the committee amendments need to be adopted and advanced today. There obviously is a tremendous amount of support for this bill from our constituents and I'm certainly pledging our committee staff and myself to work on the committee amendments. I realize there are some concerns out there. We don't want to put Nebraska companies at a competitive disadvantage. We just want to make sure that we protect our constituents from these unwanted calls. So with that, I...that's...the committee amendments, as I said, change a lot of definitions and some references from the Federal Communications Commission to the Federal Trade Commission. They require the PS...Public Service Commission to investigate violations and so on. And I would