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certainly ask the body to advance...to adopt the committee amendments and advance the bill. With that, I would turn the rest of my time...I would return the rest of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Bourne, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Madam President, members. I appreciate Senator Baker and Senator Smith's comments, but I'm not convinced that this is the direction that we should go. Over the lunch hour I was reading through the World-Herald, and I know you can't believe everything that you read in the World-Herald, but there was an article, and again this was today, and the title is "a phone pest demise?" with a question mark. And it says phones may stay silent in many homes come July, I assume that's July of 2003, when the Federal Trade Commission opens its national do-not-call list. The list will bar many telemarketers from calling people who request to be on the list. Beginning July 1, again 2003, consumers will be able to visit a web site or call a toll-free number to be included on the do-not-call list. Then, starting in September, again this year, telemarketers will not be allowed to call anyone who has entered their name and number on the list. Those who do could face a fine of up to \$11,000. The phone number and web address, which have yet to be released, will not block all telemarketers, and the FTC has limited authority to police calls from airlines, telephone, banking industries. However, these businesses are regulated by the Federal Communications Commission, not the Federal Trade Commission but the Federal Communications Commission, which is also considering a similar do-not-call list. So what we're doing is we're going to enact a state law that requires our Public Service Commission to do various new duties. We're going to expand government at a time we're facing an \$800 million deficit, and the federal government has already acted here, and I'm trying to figure out why. I'm going to read one more article. After I read the World-Herald article, I got on the Internet and searched some web sites. I'm going to read one more article and I'll yield my time to either Senator Baker or Senator Smith to tell us why we should do this. Why should we be redundant and enact a law that appears to be very similar