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handle it on a state level. There are too many loopholes. I'm going to read just a bit from the Federal Register on what they do...are proposing here. And, again, this is from the Federal Register on Wednesday, January 29. I believe that the amended TSR, telemarketing sales rules is what we're talking about here, and the national do-not-call registry will go a long way to help consumers prevent unwanted intrusions into their homes. A number of entities are not subject to these requirements, though. Under the Telemarketing Act and the TSR, the commission does not have the jurisdiction, and this is where the state comes in, the commission, meaning in this case the Federal Trade Commission and the FCC, neither one, do they have jurisdiction in whole or in part over calls of entities such as banks, telephone companies, airlines, insurance companies, credit unions, charities, political campaigns, and political fund raisers. That's why we need the state law. Those are the exemptions in the federal proposed regulations and I'll have to tell you they're not done. So we need to take this thing on a state level and go ahead and cover it. In addition, these federal regulations, of course, do not carry anything intrastate. That's also a concern of mine. We have to address the intrastate calls. So that it's a compelling case to take this thing on a state level, and as Senator Beutler said, we're not going to have one constituent, there may be some people out behind the glass not liking this, we're not going to have any constituents that say this is a bad bill. I can't understand how anybody would disagree with that statement. On Select...between now and Select File...and I agree with Senator Smith and Senator Beutler, regardless of what we do, we need to get this bill moved to Select File, and there are things to work out in it, I understand, with the lobbyist out back. I don't want to put anybody at a competitive disadvantage, but, on the other hand, I'm tired of my recorder, my voice mail at home, being overloaded and so on. And between now and Select File I want to make sure in my own mind that unsolicited fax calls are also going to be covered by this, because I get tired of going back and seeing my fax machine out of paper when I get home some days, and that's no exaggeration. Thing is out of paper because of unsolicited fax transmittals and so on. And I look at these 800 or 888 numbers to call to get your name off of them. I do it, and pretty soon I get tired of even doing that. So I want