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There has only been one entity that has come to me asking for an all-out exemption and I responded saying, did you really want your clients to call people who didn't want to be called? Yes. I disagree with that. And other than that, the entities that have been interested in this bill, they are coming as...from a positive perspective of how they can manage within the intent and spirit of the bill. Now, again, I want...and I filed the amendment that I will refile for Select, and that's AM1241, and that addresses a lot of the issues that Senator Bourne has brought up that are legitimate. I don't want to reinvent the wheel for Nebraska when we can glean from the feds what works there, enhance it for the state level, and have a workable situation without adding employees at the state level, and actually making it even more affordable for the consumer because the federal list has no subscriber cost to that. So I hope that we can get this bill moved yet today because it is in a situation or we're in a situation where we have a lot of agreeable parties to move forward and we can get that done. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: I would call the question, please.

SPEAKER BROMM: Do I see five hands? I do. The question before us is whether we shall cease debate. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to vote? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, again, this amendment goes to the penalty section and simply does what most states do, which is to allow for a civil penalty in the case of a single violation, not requiring that there be a cumulative three violations in a 30-day period. And let me tell you, I don't know if it's Senator Smith or Senator Baker has added another protection for the telemarketing companies