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able to eliminate that entirely. This is a developing situation that we need a little time to work on. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Smith, you are the next speaker.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. I do want to address...continue to address the issues that Senator Bourne raised. And yes, I did mention the exemptions. It happened to be under the jurisdiction of the FCC, Federal Communications Commission, because the FTC is the only one with a time line currently in place. Like I said, it will only really become effective in October. FCC has not even stated when. And as I said, four years ago, four and a half years ago, at the beginning of that session, one of the arguments against that bill that year, Senator Beutler's bill, in fact, was that, oh, we can't do anything because...or, we shouldn't do anything because the federal government is going to handle it. And the clock is ticking. And as the clock is ticking, people are being taken advantage of. And I will also point out that regardless of what the federal government does, it will not regulate calls originating from Nebraska. That's another reason why we need, as the Nebraska Legislature, to protect Nebraskans. And this is not a burdensome thing. There has to be willful and knowing violations for this to occur. We're already working on scaling back some of the penalties because there was some concern that those were too high. And certainly I do not want to penalize or put at a competitive disadvantage any Nebraska businesses when it comes to competition from outside the state. What I don't want to be is a haven for bad actors. And if we do nothing, even if the federal government does do it tomorrow, if we do nothing, we could be a haven for bad actors. And this is something that we can do. There's been some confusion about the committee amendments. And I'm willing to support the committee amendments and move forward, because we can resolve some of those issues, whether it's Senator Synowiecki's concerns, or whether it's the penalties. There's some concerns about frivolous litigation. And those are concerns that we can certainly work out. And Senator Baker has indicated that. And there's a lot of interest on this bill from all spots on the political spectrum, except Senator Bourne's spot, I guess. But