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anyway, I think we can do something. And I hope you will vote to adopt the committee amendments and advance LB 743. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Smith. The next speaker is Senator Mines, followed by Senators Beutler, Redfield, Jones, Price, Cudaback, Erdman, and Baker.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Madam Chair. Senator Smith I'm trying to envision a haven for bad actors. And it must be in Gering. The Gering Community Theater might be. I'm teasing. I'm teasing. Members, I stand in a neutral position. However, Senator Bourne has made some very good points. I might just mention...and the only reason I'm up here beating this dead dog is, we do have technology today that does restrict telemarketers from getting through to your home. First of all, you have caller ID, or can...you can subscribe to caller ID. And if you see on the identification that it's a telemarketer, or a no...doesn't have a number on it, you just don't answer your phone. Secondly, most telephone companies in the state offer a call blocking service, or a telemarketer blocking service, where when you call their telephone line there's a recording, and then your caller has to enter a...dial a "1" or something, and that restricts telemarketers. Again, that's an optional service. We all have the option of just hanging up. You get a telemarketing call, and you simply hang up. The cost that I see in the fiscal note probably doesn't touch a lot of the other costs that are going to be passed along to customers, specifically telephone customers. Certainly the Public Service Commission will maintain a database. And that's really pretty simple to do. You've got a computer, and you maintain those folks that call in and pay their \$3, and you register them. And then you've got this database. What you don't have is that integrated to the telephone network. And every telephone company in the state of Nebraska would have to maintain a list of their customers who are not to receive telemarketing calls. That's not free. There's a cost. It's a graduated cost, depending on which telephone company. I would imagine that in Qwest's case, it's going to cost quite a bit of money. They've quite a few customers. So those are not hidden costs. Those are just simply operational costs, whether they be large or small, that