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given of someone who had a power of attorney in a caretaker situation not wanting someone to be taken advantage of by calls, pleading for mercy, pleading for help, if we actually open it up to those charitable entities, we will in fact still be opening up those situations. And that's a call that the Legislature is going to have to make. But I do think that we need to look at the fee, we need to utilize the federal call list, and we need to delay the implementation date so that that's available, so that in fact we're not creating more bureaucracy, we can use our court system, we can use the penalties of the Nebraska law. I think that we can fix this bill, but I wasn't in agreement that the committee amendment did that, and so I voted against it. I'm hesitant to move it forward until we've addressed those issues. But I do think we can solve it. And I think we need to solve it in a general way, so that we're not falsely promising our citizenry that if they put their name on this list they're never going to get another call again. Because you're going to hear from them if they do. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Jones, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I haven't talked on this yet, but I've been in a lot of discussion, trying to figure out just how we're going to handle it. And I do think that we need to move it on. And there's been an agreement to work on amendment. And I'm willing to work on that. And I'm sure that we're going to come back to something that we can work with. We've all had these calls. And I realize that the main time that I get my calls in my home is the noon hour when I come in and sit down to eat, and then there will be a call, one after another. And a lot of times each time you get up and answer them, there's nobody on the other end. And we've all had that experience. So I think that we need to do something, and the public wants us to do something out there, and I think we need to do it. We need to pass something on the state level. I realize everybody is talking about the federal level, and when we should do it on that. But if the federal action does take effect in July, this here bill will not take effect until 90 days after the session is over with, so that will be past that time. So hopefully by that time we'll know what the