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to AM1484. Senator Beutler, first is AM1570.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, I have several amendments filed but they'll be consolidated and a couple withdrawn. I would like to make a couple brief suggestions to you though. And I'm...I would indicate to Senator Smith as I've indicated to him before that I would like to see something passed along these lines, so I hope we can work this out, but it may be a little complicated. The one amendment that...this first amendment and, Mr. Clerk, I would like to substitute, for AM1570, AM1484. Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, AM1972.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Are there objections to the substitution? Okay, Senator Beutler, then.

CLERK: Senator, AM1972. (Legislative Journal pages 1988-1989.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, this is a consolidation of three or four things that Senator Smith and I talked about. I'm not sure if he's in agreement with all of them or not. I hope so but, basically, the amendment does three or four things. The main thing that it does is to try to inform the consumer by requiring the PSC to require the companies to inform the consumer that they are becoming a part of the national no-call list. That is the way Senator Smith envisions this, the national no-call list would be the Nebraska list. But this, there is a very great danger that this will be confusing to the consumer because the enforcement of the national no-call list will not involve enforcement of any entities that are within the state of Nebraska. That is if a call comes from the state of Nebraska to a resident in the state of Nebraska, the national no-call list doesn't cover that. So they would not enforce that. So if a consumer filed a complaint, depending on how he files it, I am not quite sure how he would file it, but there is the danger that they would not know to file with the PSC in the event that the company that was calling them was a Nebraska company. I am not sure if there aren't some problems