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there is also businesses that are under the auspices of the Federal Communications Commission. So we've got two federal entities, the FTC, the Federal Trade Commission, which regulates a bunch of industries. Then we have the FCC, or the Federal Communications Commission, which also regulates a group of entities at the federal level. And both of these commissions are establishing or both of these commissions are taking part in a federal do not call list that basically says a citizen can apply on line or by their telephone with the federal government and say, I am Betty Smith at such and such an address, such and such a phone number. I want you to place my name on the federal do not call list, at no cost to that citizen, and it says that even our Nebraskans can do this for free. And then they won't get any more telephone calls. And if a telemarketer calls them and they knowing...they know that...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...individual is on the list, it's an \$11,000 fine. So, again, my point is that here we're sitting in the most significant budget crises that we've had in the state of Nebraska, in the history of the state of Nebraska; we're sitting on a 750 million dollar deficit. We have cut in excess of \$600 million from our budget in the last year. And yet, Senator Smith wants to protect all of our citizens from who knows what when the federal government says we're going to take care of this problem. Our solution is coming on line July 1 of 2003, and yet we're rushing through LB 743 to try to protect our citizens when they can already get on the federal do not call list. And the next time that I speak, I'm going to tell you we had some debate at General File that what if the federal government doesn't do that? And I've gotten the order from the Federal Communications Commission that establishes the notice of proposed rulemaking and when they have to do it. And they have to do this.

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

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Madam President, members. I am going to try and paint a broad picture where we are with this bill,