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federal no-call list does. So I think we owe it to the citizens of Nebraska to adopt this amendment, get a bill passed this session, and as I said when I opened on my statement here, this is a balancing act between citizens' privacy in their own home...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR BAKER: ...and business interest. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Smith, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in opposition to the amendment because it is too encompassing of issues. There are some parts of it that I can agree to, some technical parts that delineate some details. But I cannot support the \$7,000 fine as opposed to the \$2,500 fine. Twenty-five hundred dollars is a reasonable fine for a situation like this. And there are mechanisms in the bill that prevent a trap for the unwary that are...from the defense certainly if it does exist and we might hear that that's a rationale for raising the fine even higher to \$7,000, but if \$2,500 doesn't get someone's attention, I'm not convinced that \$7,000 will either without penalizing someone unreasonably. And, really, the 7,000 dollar amount is similar to a felony penalty, and this is for a telephone call. And I want to be reasonable and end up with something that's usable, that's understandable, and I'm not sure why Senator Bourne, I did nothing to him, I guarantee you, to get him stirred up. I'm not sure what he had for lunch but certainly he's a new found conservative that voted for a huge tax increase but now all of a sudden wants a small government. And so I'm not sure what's behind that. But, nonetheless, I think we have something very reasonable. Not everyone in the lobby likes this, and so that's why I figure I'm on the right track. Some folks in the lobby swallowed some things that they didn't really want, but some others, I just couldn't proceed down the slippery slope of exemptions. And I even had a for-profit entity want an exemption based on their work product, and I just could not accept that. And I think that we owe it to the citizens to come up with something that's workable and