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SENATOR SMITH: ...don't vote for it. But please explain to the public, who wants this, it's very clear that the public wants this. So I hope that we can do this in a timely manner, given the stage of the session right now. Certainly, if someone wants to delay this in their own avenue to laying it over until next year, I hope that's not the situation because we have the opportunity to be consumer friendly here. And I appreciate Senator Cudaback's willingness to prioritize this. I think he shows the practical side of why this is needed, and we can do this for the people of Nebraska. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Madam President and members. A couple of comments here again, when we were on General File with this bill, we had many problems with it. And Senator Smith and I and our staff met with a lot of people out here in the lobby and agreed to this amendment. The one issue we had unresolved was how we handled the nonprofits, the charitable people. And I still believe that we have it worded about as well as we can get it worded. And we had agreed to the fine structure that the people out back here and various other issues all agreed to. I'm going to stick with the amendment that Senator Smith has presented here. So I think it's going to be a judgment call to where people want to come down on this as far as the charitable organizations. I firmly believe that we have it done very well. And anyone who wants to try and make the argument to just sit back and let the federal government take care of this is dreaming because they are still taking comments, FTC, on proposed rulemaking. I've been corrected that they are now taking comments and there is some discussion on the federal level of whether to subject intrastate calls to the federal do not call list. So that, I stand corrected on that. They are taking public comment yet. It's been extended, apparently, from March through May 19th, and who knows how long or where it's going to go, but I'm not going to sit back and rely on the federal government to take care of this problem. Back to the sheet that Senator Bourne handed out, I thought this was something my wife handed out. Her initials are PB and it looks like her printing, but he didn't put his district number on there, but it's something that we did on the local level. I