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took a whole bundle of these, they're kind of cardboard, heavy paper, back to our store. I continually got complaints from people who were getting all these calls, and I said I think I have the solution, because this bill has been in front of Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, similar bills, for years, ever since I've been here. I have a solution. I took these home, put a whole pile of these on the counter, but the people took them out, signed them, sent them in, and they're still complaining. And I have a question of Senator Bourne, if he'd respond, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bourne, would you respond?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BAKER: You mentioned that 99 percent of these direct marketing comp...or telemarketers subscribe to the Direct Marketing or belong to the Direct Marketing Association. Where did you get the 99 percent figure?

SENATOR BOURNE: From an individual at the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

SENATOR BAKER: Okay, that answers my question and I thank you. That 1 percent that's not on this is mighty active in my case because I sent this thing in myself. I listed my fax number, both of my telephone lines into my home, and I couldn't see much difference. And my constituents out there didn't either, and they didn't appreciate me misleading them with this form I handed out. I honestly...staff got a box of these things and they went out like hot cakes. We didn't charge them anything for them. Now this is my time, Senator Bourne. No more questions. That 1 percent is mighty active because I still get complaints. We still have the forms out at our store, if some would like to go out there. There is actually two of them. There is one a state, and one a federal. That 1 percent that apparently doesn't belong to Direct Marketing is mighty active because each evening when I go back to my apartment, I, of course, check voice messages, and I've been averaging two a day, Saturdays and Sundays included. And I've been keeping track of them. My staff has been following up on some of those calls.