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that was done without legislation, tell me that it works. When Senator Cudaback talks about how we need to do something, I agree. I have coffees in my district every month and a lot of seniors, it seems to be mostly seniors, they tell me that this is one of their biggest gripes along with prescription drugs, which we haven't done anything about either. But that's one of the biggest complaints that I get from seniors is the do not call list and, quite honestly, I wasn't aware of this postcard, this free postcard that one could send in and get placed on this list. So I haven't been passing them, the postcards, out, but I will from here on because, as I've discussed, they do work. So when Senator Cudaback talks about we need to do something, he's absolutely right. And I suggest to you that we are doing something. The federal government is moving forward with this and I see no need to pay for it at the state level through our federal taxes and then bring it home and pay for it again, the exact same system. It doesn't make sense. We give a lot of lip service to smaller government, a more efficient government, and yet this flies, this bill, LB 743 flies in the face of that. It's duplicative. It's redundant. We don't need it. And, Senator Cudaback, I'm suggesting to you that we will solve the problem. Between this postcard from an agency in our government that's been doing this for a number of years, and by allowing the federal government to proceed with their regulations that take place in, what, four weeks, five weeks, I suggest that we will have done something. We can go back to our constituents and say, look, a federal no-call list has been established and we did not need Adrian Smith's big government bill. We don't need it. Let me give you a few other justifications. Again, the federal government will have a program in effect on 7-1-2003. The federal government will do this. We don't need Adrian Smith's big government bill. The Attorney General, that's reason number one, the Attorney General's Office, reason number two, already provides a...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...mechanism to stop these calls. Now let me give you reason number three; 24 states had adopted do not call lists prior to the announcement of the Federal Trade Commission's regulations; 24 states had adopted it prior to the