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federal list, I would not be here to introduce a bill that wouldn't do anything. But this does. Does it do a lot different? No. But it regulates intrastate calls, where the FTC will not. In fact, the FTC... a gentleman by the name of David Torrick (phonetic), he's with the FTC, and is even encouraging states to take action, so that the FTC doesn't have to preempt states, should it come to that. So we have the opportunity to shape what we want, what we want it to look like. In fact, we've lessened the fines. Then... it's not the \$11,000, as Senator Bourne suggested, for the state list... or, for the state's part. It's \$2,500. Now, there have been some that want to make that higher. \$2,500, in my opinion, is pretty significant. And yet, it's a lot less than the \$11,000. And when we look at all of the factors considered, you know, I didn't want the personal right of action for someone to come in and, you know, set up a little system so they could play gotcha with telemarketers and then go and sue them personally. This would have to go through the Public Service Commission. And it's a very logical, literal way of addressing a problem in Nebraska. And I believe that with the compromises that have taken place, I know I can say that I've acted in good faith to say, hey, you know, let's get what we can get this year, and put it behind us this year. So I hope that you will vote no on the bracket motion, and we can proceed with this evening's business. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I'm going to stand in support of the bracket motion. And I won't waste a lot of time going into the federal implications. Senator Bourne has much more information and much better delivery than I do. I tend to agree with his assessment that maybe we should wait until the federal government... let's give it the rest of this year. And why duplicate services, duplicate the process? This bill gets in the way. And I have... it gets in the way of our own telemarketers as well. Nebraska doesn't have many bad actors in this business. In fact, we are prominent in the nation in our telemarketing. I have telemarketers in my district, and we are blessed to have this industry in Nebraska. I fear that Senator Smith's bill will hamstring that industry