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unnecessarily, and we'll be back here modifying once the federal government makes a decision. So with that, I do support the bracket motion, oppose LB 743, and would yield time to Senator Bourne, if he would like it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Mines. Thank you, Mr. President. And again, I just kind of want to reiterate these reasons that we don't need this bill. Besides it being big government, we don't...I won't even get into that. But again, the federal government will have a program in effect in July of this year. July 1, 2003, the federal government will have a National Do Not Call list, which, as I indicated to you, according to the FTC, will impact the majority of the calls that are made. Not all of them, but a majority of them. And I also...and again, I have a copy of this postcard. The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, under...when Senator Stenberg...or, excuse me, when Attorney General Stenberg was the Attorney General, he created this postcard...and again, I passed that out to you the last time...that he gives out, or he gave out as a courtesy. And the current Attorney General does it as well. And you can send this in to the telephone preference service. All you've got to do is put a stamp on it and put your name and street and phone number. And that will eliminat., as a lot of people...we've discussed on the floor, about 99 percent of your calls. Because 99 percent of the telemarketers belong to this Direct Marketing Association, and this is a voluntary service that, in order to belong, they have to provide this. So reason number one, the federal government is going to do this. Reason number two, the AG's Office already offers a mechanism by which people can reduce the number of calls. And as I mentioned, 24 states adopted do not call lists prior to the FTC announcement. And I had originally stated that no state has adopted a duplicative state law since the FTC came out with their rules and regs. Now, I will...in all honesty, I will tell you that I received a call...or, an e-mail from someone associated with AARP, and he indicated that that wasn't accurate. I tried to research what he said, that other states have adopted laws since the FTC came on line and announced they were going to do this, and I haven't been able to find that. So