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calls? No. Placing your number on the National Do Not Call Registry will stop most, but not all, telemarketing calls. Some businesses are exempt from the TSR, and can still call you, even if you place your number on the registry. These include...now listen, this is the exclusions...common carriers, such as long-distance phone companies...which, I get a lot of those, and I think everyone else does. These are the exemptions. Include common carrier, such as long-distance phone companies and airlines; banks and credit unions...I had one of those the other night; and insurance companies operating under state regulations. I also had one of those the other night. Those are exempt from the federal telemarketing sales rules, as well as all the intrastate calls are exempt. Now, if that doesn't get your attention, it should. Those are a lot of people there that are exempt under the federal regulations in place now. The FCC does have jurisdiction over the intrastate calls. They're still taking comments on their proposed rule-making. I don't know when that's going to end, or when they may be in place. But please keep in mind that this...these are very broad exemptions, if you ask me. And, Senator Bourne, I will say this. Let's get to the bracket motion. And people are looking at their screens and frowning at all these amendments on your screens. As I understand it...and I'll give Senator Smith just a bit of my time here...but this has all been pretty well worked out. If we once get past a bracket motion, I know I have a couple amendments up that will go away immediately, and I think a lot of the others do too, so that we can get this bill moved yet tonight over to Final Reading. With that, I would yield the rest of my time, if Senator Smith wants it. And thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Smith, you have 2 minutes and 40 seconds.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Senator Baker. I do want to point out that...as I have before, that we were told that the feds would do something about it five years ago, and they didn't. And that's the only reason why I introduced the bill, is because we needed to take some action on the state level. And with that, I...I'll reemphasize the fact that there are exemptions galore that the feds allow. And the state would not allow those exemptions. But we still have the