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now what they're doing is asking us to put this forward again, and we're going to have what I would say is a fatally flawed bill that's going into statute. Now, the only problem, or the only redeeming quality here, is that there's a delayed effective date, assuming we adopt that. If you read through Senator Smith's amendment, he talks about "person." And in some contexts, the person is the individual, meaning the person making the calls. And in some contexts, the individual...or, excuse me, the person, is the corporation for whom the person works. So if I have a telemarketing firm,...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time. Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This amendment was cleared by several attorneys affiliated with the charitable organizations. And I would suggest that what Senator Bourne is saying...I mean, he's looking for details to try to derail the bill, in my opinion. In fact, this amendment didn't even exist on General File. It hadn't been drafted yet, to my knowledge, anyway. And so it's not really relevant to the General File discussion. And again, I'm not convinced that it's a fatally flawed bill, because it's had a great deal of input by very interested parties. And I would urge the adoption of the amendment, once again, so that we can move along. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I listened to Senator Cudaback, and he said a watered-down version is better than nothing. Maybe so, and maybe not. I did a little research on Ebenezer Scrooge that you won't find in the Christmas Carol if you read the standard version. But he was very tightfisted, as everybody knew. What Ebenezer Scrooge would do was fill his bathtub up with water, take a can of Campbell's Soup, spoon out one heaping teaspoon, and mix it in with the bathwater. And that sustained him for a year, soup, Scrooge soup. Some watered down is not always better than nothing. So I'd like to ask Senator Synowiecki a question now. Because this, I think, is his amendment pending. Is that true, Senator Synowiecki?