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Kahle and there were other individuals who said they would like to get it back to where it would prohibit because they are a nuisance and a lot of people are upset about some of the phone calls that they get and not only from electronic phone messages but otherwise but this is only dealing with the electronic phone devices. So I think that this is a, you know, it doesn't go as far as some people would like. It does more than other people would like but I think it is an important first step. We need to have a handle on this problem because it is going to get more serious. You see, these devices can call a thousand numbers a day and it doesn't cost that much to purchase these and what you are going to find is more and more people are going to use them and you are going to have a problem that is going to mushroom and balloon quicker than you can imagine so I really hope that you will support the bill as amended. I move its advancement to E & R initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance 257 as amended to E & R for review. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question or two more about this. I am quite concerned because I am awful sick of being called to sell me everything from soup to nuts and I got a call yesterday morning from somewhere on the east coast that, this is Sunday morning. Imagine about eight o'clock in the morning. Is there any way we can cut this out completely with your bill?

SENATOR WESELY: If we would strike the committee amendments you would essentially do that.

SENATOR KAHLE: Make it illegal to do it at all?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, no. You would allow the use of these with written permission is what the bill originally had so that you still could use them if somebody had agreed in writing to allow that but the committee amendments don't have any prohibition whatsoever on them, just a regulation.

SENATOR KAHLE: Who do you mean by agreement in writing?

SENATOR WESELY: That would be like say, a Penney's store would sell something to somebody and they would have a little piece that would say you can call me through an electronic phone device to notify me when this product is in your store.