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Governor of Nebraska. So-and-so was in the Legislature 50 years. That might be an achievement of sorts, but this should be something...no, Senator Schellpeper, I'm not going to be here 50 years, (laughter) no, I'm not. You shouldn't wish that on your worst enemy which I hope I'm not. But if I'm not, I don't know what worse thing you'd wish on your worst enemy. But Senator Wesely has spotlighted a matter which, although it might not be in most people's consciousness, is something that should be addressed seriously in the way that he is doing it. There are people who are very serious-minded who've studied this situation, the history of Nebraska, the current residents of the Hall of Fame and determined that there's a better way to do this, a way to make it really have meaning and that I think is very appropriate. And, again, I'm going to say that because of things such as what Senator Wesely is doing now I regret that he is leaving the Legislature. So we're going to have to make the best use of people that we can while they're here. And since Senator Maurstad only has about three or four more days, I'm sure he's not going to disappoint me. He's going to come up with something that will send him out in a blaze of glory. But if he doesn't, he has done enough to make me wish that he could stay with us just a little bit longer.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I just stand to support the amendment and I do like the idea of the 35 years because by that time the real worth of someone is noticed and evaluated I think in a much less emotional way because it makes a difference as to who decides that they want to nominate somebody and so on. But some of you may not realize it was started in 1961, the Hall of Fame Commission was created to bring attention to and officially recognize Nebraskans who have achieved prominence. And I think over the years those people that are in it, it's on page 82 or 86, something...page 80 of your Blue Book. It gives you the list. And, of course, you can walk down the hall and see all of them. But the other thing that perhaps you don't realize, I'm sure David Landis does, if you nominate and if a group works to get someone into the Hall of Fame, they have to come up with the money for the bust. Up to now, the state has not paid for those busts that I know of. So there's more to it I think than meets the eye in just