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hearings in the last half of that five-year period, and that they be in each congressional district. If you recall, during the last Hall of Fame Commission meeting there were students from clear out in Chadron, Nebraska, who drove clear down here to have their say on the selection process, and we should probably make that part of the process more accessible. We also talked with the director of the society about getting the initial information out in the first place about the selection process so that people could be thinking about this. The third thing that the bill does require is that the person be deceased at least 50 years, and the thinking behind it is that, again, so that we don't eventually end up 100 years from now with Hall of Fame nominees all around this Capitol. We think it should be reserved for those people who are truly, truly outstanding and that they, in order to judge that, that person should be deceased for a substantial amount of time. Now, I know we're going to have some conversation about that part of it later on, because Senator Brown and I have just had a conversation about it, but the bill's intention is to make the process better. And I think that...I think that we have an obligation to do something about the process this year, and I would just like to encourage you all to take part in the debate and to discuss this and to put something forward this year. With that, Mr. Chairman, I would return my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on the advancement of LB 37. Open for discussion of that motion? Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Brown. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask a question of the presiding officer. Are we going to adjourn at noon?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Maybe not exactly at noon. If we can move the bill by 12:10...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, you're not going to move the bill. So maybe I need to talk to show you're not going to move it. Then we will go on and get out of here. I'm not going to offer any amendments, but I'm willing to keep us here until 1:30, when I