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next 40 years, again, we would be running out of room. If we're going to...if we are going to get to that point...now, granted, probably a lot of these were inducted because they stand out historically and they're in the past and you can do that. But if we're going to induct at that rate of speed, we're going to have to figure out someway of rotating those busts or doing something like that to handle the volume, and I'm not sure that that's what we want to do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I'm glad that Senator Schimek went through the list. We have talked a little bit about what kinds of changes need to be made and I think we are getting off on some discussions about who should be ... and I will admit that I started it a little bit by the discussion about Johnny Carson, but we are just 49 people who have opinions just like the rest of society. The question really is what should the structure be so that we best protect the process of arriving at the people who are truly significant. And all of us may have differences of opinion. I was going to point out, as Senator Schimek did, that Senator Chambers is almost guaranteeing that because even he would admit that he's probably not going to be as vigorous at 100 and whatever he is (laugh) as he is right now. He may believe that he will still have some vigor, but his ability to influence society on behalf of those individuals that he thinks should be included would be less with his amendment than it would be certainly with the current status of 35 years and...or with what the bill calls for, which is a 50-year period. And so I'm still back to, from the process standpoint, what are the things that need to be changed that are going to best make sure that we have the right individuals represented? And what I said initially is that I don't believe that there are lot of things about the process that we can change that are going to meet all of the objections or all of the concerns that Senator Chambers has. There may be issues about the change of society in general, that Senator Chambers is certainly a part of, but we may not be able to accomplish by virtue of this bill. And I don't want to make changes just for the sake of making changes. I want to make sure that those things actually accomplish something. I do think the requirement to have