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not me. I was the one that he didn't want to pour his agents on. I wouldn't say this if it wasn't true. And yet, black people such as myself will be diminished and erased from the record if white people have their way. So we're going to do some erasing of everybody.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, you may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, so you will know what this amendment does, it leaves the law where it stands right now in terms of the number of years that a person has to have been dead. Do you notice how delicate white people have to be? Let me read you this law. The people who used to have words like "idiot," "imbecile," and "moron," and "illegitimate child" in the statutes, listen to this: "If a finalist is selected for induction, the commission shall name him or her to the Nebraska Hall of Fame during the final year of each five-year period." No individual shall be named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame until at least blank number of years after such person's demise. What is a demise? I know what dead is. I know what croak is. I don't know anything about this demise. Where did that come from? Why can't they say what they mean? I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a question, because she's reached her desk now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, I've heard of a demagogue, I've heard of a demijohn, I've heard of a demitasse. Does demise fit in that category, or can you enlighten me as to what a demise is?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I haven't the foggiest notion, Senator