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about that. So I'd only have 88 years, if you'd have adopted my amendment, before I could be inducted. This amendment that I'm offering will leave the number of years a person would have to have been dead, and we can get on to a discussion of issues that Senator Schimek's bill raises that I think are of far greater consequence. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA13. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, if...this was the piece of the bill that I was...I had the most concern about. I'm not even certain that in all cases 35 years is justified, but I would feel a little bit more comfortable if we adopted the Chambers amendment, I believe. But I will only feel more comfortable if that means that Senator Chambers will allow us to move on and have...and assume that the rest of the pieces of the bill are things that we can all agree on and that need to be...changes that need to be made. And he is having a conversation right now and so I can't get an answer from him about whether this would address the issues that he has. I still believe that there are some very rare but justified situations that might...might warrant us considering somebody even before the 35-year period, let alone the 50-year period. And so I want to look at some circumstance that would allow this Hall of Fame Commission maybe, potentially with a unanimous vote, to consider someone outside the 35-year or 50-year window. But I wondered if Senator Chambers would yield to a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, are you available for a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: For my female colleague, anything.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. If we adopt this amendment, does that address most of your concerns with the bill, and we can...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It addresses my only concern. After that is gone, the rest of the bill I think has great merit.