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in even initiating the induction process or the naming of who should be in the Hall of Fame. So, hopefully, not only will the bill help, but some of the conversations that we've had with the Historical Society be helpful as well. With that, Mr. President, I would give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers, if he so wishes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, did you wish to use the remainder of Senator Schimek's time?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and I may not use all of it. But, Mr. President, the most significant part that I see now in the bill, and I think it is very consequential, the fact that it got out of committee shows me that there exists at least on some issues a greater sensitivity than was the case when I first came down here 35 years ago. That language is on page 2, in lines 9 through 12: "The Governor shall consider." It's not mandating that he do anything in the way of a quota, and it's good the committee did not put that red flag or that red herring into the language. "The Governor shall consider gender and ethnic diversity and the person's appreciation for the history and culture of the state when making the appointments." That is as reasonable and judicious a policy statement as I think can be made. The rest of it on page 3, which discusses kind of the process which would allow people to have input without driving all the way to Lincoln, or just walking to the location on one day to give their point of view is a good process and an improvement over the way things are. So I am very firmly and strongly in support of LB 37, as it exists now. And if Senator Schimek wants the remainder of her time, then I relinquish it to her.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek. She waives the opportunity to use the rest of her time. The question before the body is, shall LB 37 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor of advancement vote aye; those opposed vote nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 37. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 37.