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ring it. Excuse me. A bell is not a bell unless it rings, is it? Record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 46 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the motion to elect officers.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain Coordinator have all been duly elected by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, First Session. The Chair recognizes Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. President, I move that we proceed to the election of Speaker of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: A motion has been made to proceed to nominate a Speaker for the Legislature. Is there any discussion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried. The floor is now open for nominations for Speaker of the Legislature. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to nominate for Speaker of this body a gal we all know, a famous gal...I am tempted to say the Queen of South Omaha, but I am not going to, Bernice Labeledz. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The name of Senator Bernice Labeledz has been placed in nomination. Are there other nominations? Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Labeledz, at least my microphone was working, but I place before you my name for Speaker of the Legislature. I did this last year and...or I should say two years ago, and the purpose was merely to alleviate any embarrassment that anyone might have in doing so. I wish to...before I say anything, I would like to lay to rest a rumor that was going around yesterday that I was interested in the Judiciary Committee. I am not interested in the Chairmanship of the Judidicary Committee or any other committee other than Speaker of the Legislature. You have heard perhaps that this should be a one-time venture and, of course, a precedent was set four years ago when we elected Senator Marvel Speaker for the second time in this Legislature. It would seem fair that if we were to do this, we should have done this between four years ago and now and