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magazine and taught school. Willa Cather moved to New York City in 1906 and became one of the leading women magazine editors. Her first successful novels, both with Nebraska settings as she said she could never get the Nebraska observations that she had made out of her mind, were Old Pioneer and My Antonia. Later works included Death Comes For The Archbishop, One Of Ours, Lost Lady, and the Professor's House. Her works have been translated into about 30 languages. As I said earlier, Willa Cather was introduced into the Nebraska Hall of Fame in 1963.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Miller. Senator Nelson, you are second. Now would you like to come up in front. I didn't invite you up, Senator Miller, but I guess this is the way we have done it before and I apologize for not offering you the same privilege but that is the way it goes sometime. Senator Nelson for the second day.

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SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson, excuse me a second. (Gavel.) Would you gentlemen please offer the ladies respect so that you don't talk so loud that we can't hear what Senator Nelson is saying. Senator Nelson, thank you.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, I have a very fine tribute for Grace Abbott, originally from Grand Island, Nebraska. "Grace Abbott is as forthright and upstanding as a field of Nebraska corn," someone once wrote of her, and "although her pursuit of learning and accomplishment for mankind took her from Nebraska to Chicago, to Washington, D.C., to all states of the Union, even to the capitals of Europe and the seat of the League of Nations in Geneva, she always remained 'Grace Abbott of Nebraska'." In 1976 she was one of three native Nebraskans elected to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Grace was the daughter of a Civil War veteran, the first Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska, and a member of the Nebraska Constitutional Conventions of 1871 and '75, and Elizabeth Griffin Abbott, a pioneer civic leader and a woman's rights advocate. Her mother was one of ten Nebraska women selected for inclusion in Mothers of Achievement in American history in 1976 to 19...excuse me, in 1776 to 1976. This was compiled by the American Mothers Committee in 1976. One of four children, Grace Abbott was born at Grand Island, Nebraska on November 17, 1878, where we now have a city park