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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Speaker of the Legislature, Senator Nichol, District 40...what is it, 49?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, an important happening happened 66 years ago today. Senator Labeledz's birthday is today. She is being sung "Happy Birthday" 17 times yesterday and about 24 times today, but she ought to have it one more time. So, would you join me, please. (Birthday song.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: You heard him, Route 66. I told them in Grand Island, the only nice thing about having a birthday tonight is tomorrow it will be all over with and I'll have another year before I am six seven.

PRESIDENT: Many more, Bernice. Senator Hoagland, did you care to make a personal announcement, personal privilege? Members of the Legislature, may we have your attention, please. (Gavel.) Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I just want to let everybody know about a play that is taking place tonight and last week and next week and the week after up in my legislative district in the Omaha Community Playhouse. Now the Omaha Community Playhouse is about a mile or mile and a half from our home and my wife and I saw this play last Friday night and I tell you, it is a barn burner. It's a play about a circus and it is a biography of a fellow named P.T. Barnum and the star, of course, is David Landis and the supporting actress, of course, is Melodee Landis and it is really an extraordinary show. And any of you that can attend it ought to try and do it. It has about three or four more weeks more on the run, on its run. It's a story about a circus and it's a story about the biography of P.T. Barnum. It has a cast of 50 people and circus animals and basically the whole show is centered around Dave Landis and his acting, doing a whole variety of things. I mean, he walks on a high wire, he dances, he sings, he skips all around the whole downstairs part of the auditorium. It's a virtuoso performance. It brings out all the best of his acting abilities. It calls on him to exercise all these various things that he can do so well and, believe me, it's a better performance by a Landis than you've ever seen in committee or on the floor or