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so fitting that all these accolades are being offered to you today, and it's just so fitting that you'll be honored again this coming Saturday evening at the statehood dinner. So God bless you, LaVon.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I, too, are a great admirer of LaVon Crosby, and she taught us all a lot. One thing, her Irish humor, one time we were discussing the prairie dog bill here on the floor, so, LeRoy, this wasn't...you weren't the first one brought that up, and different ones were afraid we'd annihilate the species and LaVon was in the debate then, and I said something to her. I can't remember exactly what it was, and she said, you'd never have to worry about that because they have a way of coping. And some...you know, you can add words to that, and they have...that you could come up with a different meaning. But the thing is, another thing about LaVon, is as far as the arts. I know she served on Appropriations Committee with us and that particular year we did have money and we did put some money into the Endowment Fund for the Arts and Humanities, and that's still functioning today. Of course, it has to be matched and only the interest off that is used for endowments. But she talked about...she taught us a lot about the arts, and she said...talked about her husband Bob, when she first married him, and he said...and he thought that when she talked about Beethoven's Fifth, he thought it was a quart of Kentucky whiskey, you know? And so I think a lot of us perhaps had that same attitude, but we certainly know more about the arts because of LaVon. So, LaVon, if you are listening, we all love you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Senator Crosby, when Senator Crosby...when I first got into the Legislature, why, Senator Crosby found out I was from Nickerson, Nebraska, and she said, you know, there was a little place there that my former husband and I used to frequent quite a bit. I said, well, that little place you used