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Name: Governor Ben Nelson

The Great Seal of the State of Nebraska provided the theme in the drawing for Governor Nelson, who endured jibes about his hair, frugality and red-striped ties with good nature. Friend and attorney Frank Barrett summed up the continuing theme by saying: "It's cheap-looking hair, but it's his." He was governor until 1998. Mention was made of his pending decision to run for the U.S. Senate, which he did in 2000 and won. Nelson performed in several Omaha Press Club Shows. The governor is shown in the Face drawing working as a blacksmith, forging a miniature Nebraska state outline. Nelson has been a lawyer, business executive and government official in insurance regulation and industry issues. He has served as CEO of the Central National Insurance Group, as chief of staff and executive vice president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and as director of the Nebraska Department of Insurance. He is now a U.S. Senator from Nebraska.