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Name: U.S. Senators Roman Hruska and Carl Curtis

The two long-time U.S. senators enjoyed their night in the limelight, the first time the two distinguished politicians were honored together.. The lampoon featured the veteran legislators as Tweedledee and Tweedledum from the children's book "Alice in Wonderland." At the formal unveiling, the two also received beanie-type caps to wear, part of the apparel worn by the storybook characters. The new federal courthouse in downtown Omaha was named for Hruska. Hruska was influential on the Senate Judiciary Committee, having a great deal to do with the appointments of federal judges and members of the Supreme Court. The south Omaha native was proud of his Czech heritage and was a frequent contributor to a Czech newspaper published in Omaha. Carl Curtis, from Minden, was the rural champion and Hruska was the urban champion for the state. Both were powerful Republican senators.