

A Fresh Bill On Capitol Hill

"Some say if he walks like a duck and talks like a duck, he is a duck. We say if he walks like a duck and talks like a duck, he will be the next President of the United States."

I realize that this post is just a few months overdue, but I just could not pass it up. This afternoon, my three-year-old niece brought me two books to read to her. It was approaching rehearsal time so I told her I only had time to read one and I would read the other later. "[Duck for President,](#)" by bestselling children's author Doreen Cronin with illustrations by Caldecott Award winner Betsy Lewin, is a charming way to introduce the pre-school set to the election process. There is even an entire website devoted to Duck and a campaign ad paid for by Farm Animals for a Change. Apparently, General Mills donated copies of the 2004 book to the little children. The story illustrates the plight of animals on Farmer Brown's farm who are tired of doing chores. One day, Duck stages an election to see who the animals want to lead and wins! However, the ambitious quacker does not stop there. However, as Duck progresses on his way to the top of the government ladder, he just may find that life on Farmer Brown's farm "taking out the trash, mowing the lawn, and grinding coffee beans" is better than the grind of being the big goose in a white house.