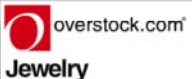





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Can you see it? We can totally see it. Dennis Quaid speaking at the National Press Club in Washington on Monday; John Edwards at a Las Vegas health care forum in 2007. Caption. (Cliff Owen/AP; Ethan Miller/Getty Images)

There's plenty about **Dennis Quaid** -- boyish good looks, playful grin, awesome hair -- that reminds people of **John Edwards**, which is why the actor is the blogosphere's [odds-on favorite](#) to play the disgraced politician in the inevitable biopic.

But the Quaid is steering clear -- for the moment. When asked whether he was interested in the part at Monday's National Press Club appearance, he cracked up, slammed down a gavel and declared, "That concludes today's luncheon. ... Call my agent."

All in fun, of course. Quaid, who turned 56 last Friday (the lunch crowd sang a ragged "Happy Birthday") has the natural charm and charisma to play (or be) a politician. Ten years ago, he spent a weekend in the White House with Bill Clinton -- "smartest man I ever met, by the way" -- and next month he will appear as the 42nd president in HBO's "The Special Relationship," with **Michael Sheen** as **Tony Blair**.

But Quaid came to D.C. in his real-life role as a dad: Two years ago, his 10-day-old twins almost died when they accidentally received a massive overdose of Heparin, a blood-thinning drug. "Little did I know how dangerous any hospital can be," he told the audience. " ... I'm an actor: If I make a mistake, I have Take.2 -- or 3, or 4 or 37 -- and believe me, I've been there. But if a caregiver makes a mistake, it can mean someone's life."