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PRESENTATION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF CANADA

It is a singular pleasure and privilege to present to the Senate at this time, the distinguished Foreign Minister of Canada, the Honorable Howard Green. Mr. Green is with us as the representative of a nation which is most close to us; it is close to us not only in a geographic sense but, more important, in the sense of a shared outlook, shared ideals and one may say, even, a shared destiny.

It is possible to conceive of points of differences between the foreign policies and the immediate interests of Canada and the United States; that is inevitable among independent and equal nations. It is inconceivable, however, that Canada and the United States will ever permit these differences to transcend the deeper intermingling of the fortunes of the two countries.

I know I speak for my colleagues, Mr. Minister, when I say that the Senate of the United States nourishes only the warmest sentiments towards Canada and the Canadian people. We wish for nothing more than a continuing abatement of any differences which may exist and a continuing growth of cordiality and cooperation in all spheres of relations with our great neighbor to the north.

It is with that thought, Mr. Minister, that I bid you welcome to the Senate today.