

I believe with all sincerity that my visit to your country will undoubtedly deepen our mutual understanding and further consolidate the most cordial and friendly relations between our countries.

Mr. Prime Minister, you do us honour in visiting us on the floor of the Senate. We in the Senate do not bestow that honour on all our friends. We thank you for accepting the invitation to come here and say a few words and giving us an opportunity to see you and meet you. We are also very pleased indeed to welcome the Honourable Mr. Aichiro Fujiyama, your Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Prime Minister, you have just come from Washington, where you signed with the American Government a treaty of security. Honourable senators, I think that gesture on the part of the American Government and the Japanese Government exemplifies and is a brilliant illustration of what can be accomplished by friendly negotiation. Mr. Prime Minister, I believe you were instrumental in bringing about the signing of such a treaty. We in Canada are indeed happy that the Americans and Japanese are again on friendly terms.

In 1952 you re-entered political life, and you brought together—which is a tremendous task—the Liberals and the Conservatives. We in the Senate have not accomplished quite so much. The Senate is a house which conducts its debates in a most friendly way and on a non-partisan basis. But we have not accomplished what you have. Perhaps by co-operation we could accomplish what you have done, but I fear it will not happen in the very near future. You have been Prime Minister of your country since 1957, after the Honourable Mr. Ishibashi resigned in your favour. We wish you long life as Prime Minister, and continued good relations with the American Government.

Mr. Prime Minister, perhaps you and I have something in common—a great distinction, I believe: we both played golf with President Eisenhower. I don't know how successful you were, but I did not show much skill at the game.

I wish also to greet the Honourable Mr. Aichiro Fujiyama, your Minister of Foreign Affairs, who also has had a great career. Would Mr. Fujiyama care to rise at this time so that we may greet him?

(The Honourable Mr. Fujiyama stood and was greeted with applause by honourable senators.)

Mr. Fujiyama has been Minister of Foreign Affairs since July, 1957, and, although a newcomer to active political life, in his election in 1958 to the House of Representatives he received the second highest number of votes. Prior to becoming Foreign Minister he was one of Japan's most influential business leaders, an adviser to the Government on external

economic problems, and president of both the Tokyo and Japan Chambers of Commerce and Industry. When he became Foreign Minister he resigned from executive positions—I would ask honourable senators to listen attentively to this—in 180 companies and other organizations. He is also a patron of the arts. His chief recreation is painting, and he plays golf.

We are happy to welcome you, sir, with all the other members of your delegation. We hope that very soon you will come back to Canada, visit us for a longer period of time and travel more extensively in our country.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

The Prime Minister of Japan then withdrew, while honourable senators stood.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** Honourable senators, you heard what I said a few minutes ago immediately prior to the advent of the Prime Minister of Japan. I would like to know if what I have suggested is agreeable to the Senate, and if I am to be allowed to proceed with the second reading on Monday night next of the two bills I mentioned if, as and when they are received here.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** I would like it to be understood that there is no guarantee that the second reading will be concluded on Monday night.

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** Oh, no.

**Hon. Mr. Euler:** May I ask the honourable leader if the granting of these moneys is so urgent that we need to meet a day earlier than usual?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** In answer to the honourable senator from Waterloo (Hon. Mr. Euler) I will say that this matter is so important that the debate in the other house was adjourned so that the two measures could be proceeded with. I have been through the disaster area and I know something about it. It is just awful, and the people there need whatever help we can give them as quickly as possible.

**Hon. Mr. Euler:** Would one day make much difference?

### DOCUMENTS TABLED

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** Honourable senators, I table the following reports:

Report of the Cornwall International Bridge Company Limited, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1959, pursuant to section 85(3) of the Financial Administration Act, Chapter 116, R.S. 1952. (English text).

Report of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, for the fiscal year ended