

The truth to which the inscription testifies is of profound importance to people everywhere in this world.

For the ability of our two nations, Canada and the United States, to preserve the frontiers of friendship, to walk in the ways of freedom, and to pursue the works of peace provides example and encouragement to all who seek these same objectives, wherever they may live.

There is nothing more exciting than a time of new beginnings. A member of this body caught that spirit when he spoke in Parliament about the beginnings of Canadian nationhood 100 years ago. Listen to him:

Blood pulsed in our veins, new hopes fired our hearts, new horizons lifted and widened, new visions came to us in the night watches.

May that same sense of excitement inspire our two nations as we help lead the world to new beginnings today.

**Hon. Lucien Lamoureux (Speaker of the House of Commons):** Mr. President, it is my responsibility to adjourn this historic meeting. I do so with a feeling of having participated in a most significant occasion in the history of the Parliament of Canada.

You have come to this country, Sir, as the head of state of our closest neighbour. In this capacity you have engaged in discussions with our government. It is the

confident hope of all members and senators that these discussions will be fruitful.

It gives us particular pleasure that you have also come to the Parliament of Canada. We Canadians bear many similarities to your great people and one of the most significant lies in the fact that both our countries have free and open legislative bodies where the issues of the day are discussed and decided upon.

• (1540)

Assembled in this chamber are the representatives of all the citizens of Canada. It is on their behalf that I thank you, Mr. President, for the great honour you have paid us by coming with Mrs. Nixon to address us on this day and for the notable speech you have delivered to us.

[*Translation*]

Mr. President, my colleagues of the Senate and the House of Commons are gratified by the cordial sentiments you have just expressed with such sincerity, vigour and eloquence.

Mr. President, we are honoured by your presence here, and that of Mrs. Nixon. The Senate and the House of Commons therefore unite to express the wish that your visit to Ottawa will strengthen the friendship which already so closely links the United States and Canada.

[*English*]

Ladies and gentlemen, this meeting is adjourned.