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INTRODUCTION

Dr. Henry T. King, Jr.

This is the climax session of our 2005 conference, and we are going to look into the future with Marlene Jennings. She is the Prime Minister’s Parliamentary Secretary for Canada-U.S. Relations, a member of the Privy Council, and here we will be looking at the future of this evolving, special Canada-U.S. relationship: new dimensions, possible future progress and concerns, differing approaches to our common values and experiences in the law; the democratic process, et cetera.

So I wanted to give you a little background on Marlene Jennings. She is the first Black woman from Quebec ever to be elected to a Canadian parliament. She was elected in the House of Commons in June 1997; reelected in 2000 and 2004. She has held about every committee office you can think of in the parliamentary committee. She is a member of the Quebec Bar. She did yeoman service as a member of the Quebec Police Commission, and she has had a very, very distinguished career. I don’t want to take too much time telling you about it. I want to see you in action. So, Ms. Jennings, the floor is yours.