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Our first speaker is former Michigan Governor James Blanchard, who really needs no introduction for many of those present here today. Jim Blanchard has served four terms in Congress. He has twice been the Governor of Michigan. He has been the U.S. Ambassador to Canada. He is currently a director of Nortel, a major Canadian company with operations in the United States, Canada, and the rest of the world. What he has to say to us today, will be extremely meaningful.

Our next speaker is Donald Macdonald. Donald has held about every major position you can think of in the Canadian government except Prime Minister. He has been Finance Minister, and the Canadian Ambassador to the United Kingdom. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School. He is the man who foreshadowed the transition from the Canada/U.S. Free Trade Agreement to NAFTA. He is a man of immense experience, and a Director of many, many companies in Canada. I am happy to present him here today. It was Donald Macdonald, who sixteen years ago, opened our first Canada/U.S. conference in this series.

