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EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE
PRESIDENT ON SIGNING THE PROCLAMATION
ADMITTING HAWAII INTO THE STATE OF THE
UNION, AND THE EXECUTIVE ORDER DESIG-
NATING THE NEW DESIGN FOR THE UNITED
STATES FLAG AT 4:00 P. M., FRIDAY,
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Gentlemen:

I think that we shall recognize that this is truly an historic occasion because for the second time within a year a new State has been admitted to the Union. It had been a long time since any State had been admitted, so to have this 49th and 50th membership of our Union in such a short space is truly a unique experience.

All forty-nine States will join in welcoming the new one -- Hawaii -- to this Union. We will wish for her prosperity, security, happiness, and a growing closer relationship with all of the other States. We know that she is ready to do her part to make this Union a stronger Nation -- a stronger people than it was before because of her presence as a full sister to the other forty-nine States. So all of us say to her, "Good Luck." And to each of her representatives, a very fine tour of service in the public domain. We know that they will find their work interesting and fruitful for all of us.

The Speaker just reminds me of one fact that has great historic significance. Next Monday will be the first time in 158 years there has not been a Delegate in the membership of the Congress of the United States. The Delegates are gone and in their place we have Senators and Congressmen.

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