Translated by DEF. DOC. #1729 Defense Language Branch excerpts from the Official Gazette March 11, 1938. page 603, 612. The Seventy-third Session of the Imperial Diet. Stenographic Reports of Proceedings of the House of Representatives. No. 26. March 10, 1938: (Thursday) Opning of session: 1:33 p. m. Omission. (Government Committeeman Mr. KCGURF, Budayu) Government Committeeman (Mr. KOGURF, Budayu) will explain the reason for the introduction of the Machine Tool Industry Bill which has been just brought up for discussion. Needless to say, the machine tool industry occupies a most important position in industry as the basic industry of the general machine industry as well as being an indispensable one for national defense reasons; and its development is of great significance for national defense and industry. But the fact is that the machine tool industry in Japan has been developed but recently and there are many regrettable defects from the point of the manufacturing ability and manufacturing techniques. That is, it is an undeniable fact that not only are there many machine tools whose manufacture would be difficult in this country but generally the capacities of domestic manufactured machine tools are considerably inferior to those of foreign goods, and every year, Japan depends on

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overseas import for a large quantity of machine tools.

So that although the necessity of promotion of this industry has hitherto been keenly felt, I think the firm establishment of this industry is the most pressing need of the hour, especially in view of the present situation. As a policy of the establishment of machine tool industry, it is necessary to take various proper plans to encourage and to promote the producing capacity in conformity with the character of this industry. Also in order to expect the steady development of this industry, it would be most proper to contribute to the improvement of the techniques of this industry by placing management on a rational foundation by adequate guidance and control.

The reason for the introduction of this bill is as generally mentioned above. I hope it will be approved by the Diet after due deliberation.