

way affecting personal relationships. We all feel that the House has suffered a very real loss. As the Acting Prime Minister has said, he was a man of real independence of spirit. He sat in the House as an independent member for some time.

I wish to join with the Acting Prime Minister in expressing our regrets, our sorrow and our sympathy to the members of his family.

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure that all members were both astonished and appalled to learn of the passing of Mr. Mongrain, the hon. member for Trois-Rivières, during the Christmas-New Years recess.

Mr. Mongrain was a friendly man who I think had the respect of members in all parts of the House. He was one of those rare politicians who are comparatively free of bitter partisanship. Every year he brought a delegation from his constituency to visit Parliament Hill and invited members of other parties to come and meet them. He was popular not only in the House but in his own constituency as indicated by the fact that he was twice mayor of Trois-Rivières and for one term was president of the conference of Canadian mayors.

His death is a serious loss to this chamber and to the party with which he was associated. The members of the New Democratic Party wish, through you, Sir, to express to Madame Mongrain and her children and to the people of Trois-Rivières our deep regret at the great loss which they and we have suffered.

[Translation]

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, my colleagues of the Ralliement créditiste and myself were astounded to learn of the sudden demise of Mr. Mongrain, member for Trois-Rivières. We will certainly miss him, for he was remarkably clever and had a sense of humour. Even though we could not always agree with his opinions, it was nevertheless possible to exchange views with him. I would like to join all the other members to offer the stricken family our most sincere sympathy.

[English]

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**THE MINISTRY**

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER FOR DOLLARD AS SOLICITOR GENERAL**

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Prime Minister I should like to table press releases issued December 22 concerning changes in the ministry involving the departure from the cabinet of the hon. member for Ottawa Centre and the appointment of the hon. member for Dollard as Solicitor General.

*Questions*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**TABLING OF FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT**

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(1) I wish to table copies in both official languages of the first annual report of the Department of Communications.

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**TEXTILE AND CLOTHING BOARD ACT**

**PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT, INQUIRIES, REPORTS, ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS**

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-215, to establish the Textile and Clothing Board and to make certain amendments to other acts in consequence thereof.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**CANADA COUNCIL GRANTS**

Question No. 6—**Mr. Nowlan:**

What was the success rate on applications to the Canada Council, in each of the past five years, for (a) doctoral fellowships (b) post-doctoral fellowships (c) leave fellowships (d) research grants of \$6,000.00 or less (e) travel grants to International Meetings?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Canada Council as follows:

**SUCCESS RATES—ACADEMIC PROGRAMS  
1965/66—1969/70**

	1965/66	1966/67	1967/68	1968/69	1969/70
	%	%	%	%	%
Doctoral Fellowships	40	66	62	60	56
Post-doctoral Fellowships	—	—	72	53	—
Leave Fellowships	50	68	69	58	36
Research Grants (\$5,000 or less)	—	—	91	88	88
Travel Grants to International Meetings	97	100	79	53	56