

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

Canadians to perfect their knowledge, there are enough gifted applicants anxious to make such studies for the benefit of Canada and not by promoting subversion or by trying to destroy law and order, but rather by contributing to the development of our country.

So, I would like to know if the application was filled in appropriately and in the same way as other Canadians who apply for Canada Council grants.

[*English*]

Mr. Robert Stanbury (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the hon. member's original question, the Canada Council advises me that Mr. Gray completed an application form on his own initiative and submitted it to the Council according to the normal procedure. His application was studied by five senior political

science professors comprising the preliminary selection committee. His application was then forwarded to the steering committee of the Council's academic panel, then to the 15 men panel itself and finally to the full Council. Mr. Gray's application was one of 3,603 submitted. Of this number, 2,165 received doctoral fellowships.

As the hon. member has mentioned, Mr. Gray indicated he would write his doctoral thesis on "Voting and Political Attitudes in North America and Western Europe since 1945". My only comment would be that this hardly justifies the suggestion that the grant would be a subsidization of subversion. However, I will convey the views of the hon. member to the Canada Council, as I will the views of the previous questioner.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.17 p.m.
