

served. In the meantime, though, the findings of Dr. Finn have been made known to the parties for action. So the fact that the report has not been officially tabled in the House has not been allowed to delay action with respect to it.

● (1510)

That is the situation. I hope to be able to place the report in the hands of all members within the next two weeks when it can be presented in both official languages.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom) gave the Chair notice of a question of privilege last Friday. Yesterday he indicated he would prefer to raise it in the presence of the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro) who was unavoidably absent. Therefore, he brings it forward today. It raises the question of the possibility of the House being misled by the minister's answers concerning the tabling of a report. In any event, the minister has now explained the reason for his answers. He concedes that they may have appeared to mislead the House but places an interpretation upon his answers which absolves him of any culpability in that regard. Other members may have a different interpretation, but that falls within the area of disagreement and dispute; it does not fall within the area of privilege.

**Mr. MacKay:** I rise on a brief point of order, Mr. Speaker. Since I did not have an opportunity to direct my question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, might I make a brief representation to him? When he speaks in the debate this afternoon, would he deal with the question of the steps which are being taken to monitor more closely DREE-assisted industries which receive substantial funding and subsequently close? What steps are being taken to recover any loss of funds which result from the failure of these companies to fulfil their commitments?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member should realize that the Chair will not allow him to make such a brief representation.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PLANT QUARANTINE ACT

AMENDMENT TO ENSURE AQUATIC MAROPHYTES INCLUDED IN PLANT PEST LEGISLATION

**Mr. G. H. Whittaker (Okanagan Boundary)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-419, to amend the Plant Quarantine Act.

He said: The purpose of this bill is to amend the Plant Quarantine Act to ensure that aquatic plants coming into Canada, for example in aquariums containing exotic fish, are

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not subject to infection, so that noxious weeds such as Eurasian water milfoil do not get into our water systems.

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

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## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 926, 1,211, 1,212, 1,251, 1,468, 1,713, 1,848, 1,860, 1,932, 2,001, 2,012, 2,051, 2,060, 2,230, 2,271, 2,274, 2,275, 2,293 and 2,366.

[Text]

### RESEARCH INTO CAUSES OF CANCER

Question No. 926—**Mr. Muir:**

In each year since 1965, what has been the total federal allocation to basic research directed towards an understanding of the causes of cancer?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned:

	Research (average) (Including testing and salaries)	Evaluation (Including evaluation and salaries)
1975-1976	\$75,000	\$50,400
1974-1975	75,000	43,500
1973-1974	75,000	27,500
1972-1973	75,000	17,600
1965-1972	240,000 (Estimated)	

In so far as the Medical Research Council is concerned:

1975-1976	\$4,751,819
1974-1975	4,387,506
1973-1974	3,752,149
1972-1973	3,515,318
1971-1972	3,316,297

NOTE: Information for the years previous to 1971-72 is not available.

### NON-MEDICAL USE OF DRUGS DIRECTORATE

Question No. 1,211—**Mr. Stanfield:**

What, if any, are the criteria employed by the Department of National Health and Welfare's Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate in determining which groups, associations, projects, agencies or individuals qualify for a contribution or grant for (a) information/education projects (b) innovative projects (c) research, sociological and biomedical studies dealing with the non-medical use of drugs?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** (a) and (b) Through the Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Resources Fund, the Department of National Health and Welfare's Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate makes contributions to projects which meet the directorate's national program goals. These goals are defined within well-established