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I was leaving the hotel for the airport. In the article there is an account of what I understand to be fragments of the conversation held between Dr. Kissinger and Madam Morin who was sitting next to him at the table. I am not quite sure how this happened, except that arrangements had been made that the toasts made by Dr. Kissinger and myself would be made available through a line to the national press building. If these fragments are correctly reported, the only explanation is that the microphone was left open at a time when it ought not to have been left open.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacEachen: I think the hon. member raises a very serious question as to the propriety of any person reporting even fragments of what obviously was a private conversation between Dr. Kissinger and the hon. member of this House who was sitting next to him. I am quite troubled, personally, by this incident, and when I returned to Ottawa I called Dr. Kissinger on the telephone and expressed my regrets for it. I feel sure the hon. member will want to know that the Secretary of State said he would not permit this incident to mar in any way what he regarded as an extremely successful visit to Canada. It was an extremely successful visit and I regret that this incident did happen. I believe the fact that any effort was made to report a private conversation, even in fragments, is worthy of contempt.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Fairweather: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not in any way wish to diminish the importance of the matter raised by the hon. member. It is obviously of great importance. The hon. member has done, as expressed in the words of the minister, a service to the House by raising the point. It is difficult to see how we can get into a prolonged dialogue about it at this point. However, if the hon. member has another suggestion, we will hear it.

Mr. Fairweather: I appreciate the minister's frankness on this point. I think, however, that the House is entitled to know whether Dr. Kissinger knew of the arrangements with the national press building, and also whether the minister is conducting an investigation to see who was responsible for this extraordinarily sloppy arrangement.

Mr. MacEachen: I am quite certain that Dr. Kissinger did know that the tape—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. MacEachen: —that the toasts were to be made available for distribution in Canada and the United States. Obviously, it was not intended to go beyond the official toasts in what was to be made available at what was otherwise a private occasion. I have asked that an investigation be made into the circumstances which permitted this to occur, and I am personally quite mortified at it.

[Mr. MacEachen.]

[Translation]

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TABLING OF REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE
CANADA PENSION PLAN

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table two copies of the report of the Advisory Committee on the Canada Pension Plan entitled: The Rate of Return on the Investment Fund of the Canada Pension Plan.

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[English]

ANTI-INFLATION ACT

MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRAINT OF PROFIT MARGINS,
PRICES, DIVIDENDS AND COMPENSATION

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-73, to provide for the restraint of profit margins, prices, dividends and compensation in Canada.

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

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

[English]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 478, 1,705, 2,574, 2,769, 2,872, 2,889, 2,911, 3,014, 3,029 and 3,052.

[Text]

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS EMPLOYED BY PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE SINCE APRIL 20, 1968

Question No. 478—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What are the names of all those classified as special assistants who have been employed by, attached to or on loan to the Prime Minister's Office since April 20, 1968, along with their annual salaries, dates employment commenced and, where applicable, dates it terminated and for what reason?

2. What is an absolutely complete description of all the main functions performed in the case of each of these individuals?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): 1.

1.	Name	Employment Commenced	Employment Terminated	Salary Range
				\$
	Mr. T. Porteous	20-04-68	*2-04-73	20,000-25,000
	Mr. M. Vennat	20-04-68	**27-11-70	20,000-25,000
	Mr. R. Rolland	22-12-69	**22-06-74	20,000-25,000
	Mr. P. Levasseur	13-06-68	*5-01-70	20,000-25,000
	Mr. F. Fox	15-01-70	***1-09-72	20,000-25,000
	Mr. G. Gibson	20-04-68	***1-09-72	20,000-25,000