

government sustained by not being able to produce those aeroplanes.

Yet there was no mechanism in place to provide for the kind of high-tech training that those workers needed in that industry to be able to produce 10 airplanes instead of five.

We have an announcement today of this wonderful increase from \$1.4 billion to \$1.8 billion but still we have not addressed how to deal with situations like Boeing was faced with a couple of years ago.

David McCamus, who is the chairman of Xerox Canada, is not a person whom you would consider to be, or I would consider to be, sharing my views on this very important subject. But on June 3, 1991, Mr. McCamus was quoted in *The Globe and Mail*:

Canadian firms spend \$98 per person annually to teach workers new skills. "That's less than the cost of a dinner at a moderately good restaurant in Toronto".

This is also probably less than the cost of a moderately good dinner in Ottawa.

It should be noted as well that most of the money employers are spending is being spent on managers rather than on those workers who are producing the product, those workers who are on the line and need the skill upgrading and need the ability to operate the new equipment coming in to keep our workers competitive.

While we are very, very happy to see this kind of program in place we have made it very clear that we do not appreciate where the money is coming from. We believe very strongly that the minister should be "fessing up" that it is not coming from this government but that it is coming from the workers and the employers of Canada.

We believe very strongly that while we are funding this particular program there is tremendous confusion about what programs there are and what funding there is. As a result of that all kinds of people are falling through the cracks and are not getting the training that they should be having.

In conclusion, I wish the minister well with this second year's initiative with this program. I am glad to see that he takes the Canadian Labour Force Development

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Board seriously and I hope that relationship will continue.

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PETITIONS

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour and indeed a privilege for me to have an opportunity today to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 from the citizens of Kamloops, British Columbia, and actually a number of other western communities. They are concerned about the ability of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to fulfil their mandate as a result of cutbacks that have been experienced over the last number of years.

They point out a number of reasons why they feel the RCMP should actually receive increased funding. They point out a concern about the increased level of lawlessness that some communities are facing, and they call upon the Government of Canada to restore adequate funding to our RCMP so that it can fulfil its mandate and role as the only visible police force for many communities across British Columbia and remain as a viable symbol of Canadian unity.

NORTH THOMPSON RIVER

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): The next petition is on another matter that is actually unrelated, but equally matter. It has to do with the decision—and I understand this was made public in the last number of hours—of a firm called Multinational Resources, which is a company on the Vancouver Stock Exchange, that plans to invest \$4 million in accelerating its plans and designs to dam the North Thompson River at Valemount, British Columbia in an effort to divert the water into the San Diego, California basin.

This is one of the many proposals of what is known as the NAWAPA plan. That is a plan to divert Canadian rivers into the United States and northern Mexico. Our government is presently negotiating a deal with the United States and Mexico and so the petitioners are calling upon the Government of Canada to state categorically that it will not permit our fresh waters to be dammed and diverted into the U.S.A.