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A Base spokesman has said the military are powerless to prevent the layoffs of existing workers because the Government has cut the funding for their employment.

We have the ridiculous situation of workers being laid off and having to apply for welfare and unemployment insurance, and those on these same social programs being offered their jobs.

The "stupidity" part of the program has become self-evident. The duplicity is that the program is called job creation when in fact it is nothing more than a job replacement scheme.

The Government should realize it is fooling no one with its terminology, and immediately put a stop to this shameful program.

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## HUMAN RIGHTS

## EL SALVADOR—IMPRISONMENT OF LUTHERAN PASTOR AND DOCTOR

**Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East):** Madam Speaker, once again I feel I must protest against recent human rights violations in El Salvador. The Lutheran Church is a small denomination in El Salvador but it has done a great deal with refugees. This past week two Lutherans, a pastor and a doctor, took a Scandinavian visitor to the airport. On their return from the airport they were captured by police. One of them had been in prison for eight days and has now been released after being tortured. The other, Dr. Angel Ibarra, is still in prison.

I want to say to the House, and to all human rights groups in the world, that some kind of protest has to be made to the Government of El Salvador which seems to be institutionalizing once more the effort to stamp out all opposition—and not only all political opposition but also those involved exclusively in the care of refugees.

In light of this new incident and the rise of violence once again, I call on this House and all other groups in the world that have the same feeling toward human rights and the possibilities for that small country, to protest in the most vehement way we know against what is taking place there.

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## NATURAL RESOURCES

## IMPORTANCE OF EXPLOITING MINERAL WEALTH—NECESSITY FOR NON-TAXATION OF NORTHERN BENEFITS

**Mr. René Gingras (Abitibi):** As everyone knows, Madam Speaker, Canada's mineral resources are plentiful. Still, we have to compete with other producing countries. A lot of those mineral resources might be a source of wealth for our country if they were developed. More often than not, they are located in remote areas that are difficult of access and where the climate is unforgiving. The workers needed to do that job

ought to be offered generous incentives to help them put up with life in exile.

Madam Speaker, I urge the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) to weigh all the consequences of his decision to tax the benefits available only to people who work in isolated northern regions.

Before they make their recommendations, I would also urge the officials of the Department of Finance—even though it is now tulip time in Ottawa—to visit the northern reaches of my riding where they will still be able to walk on the Hudson Strait ice bridges. That should give them a pretty good idea of what life is like in the north and of the fringe benefits needed to entice anybody to stay there.

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[English]

## BANKS AND BANKING

## DEMAND BY ONTARIO SECURITIES COMMISSION FOR INFORMATION

**Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South):** Madam Speaker, the Ontario Securities Commission is demanding that the chartered banks make available information that, until now, the Inspector General of Banks has refused to make available to the public and to Members of Parliament. The Ontario Securities Commission demands that the banks advise what loans are non-productive, what loan losses are in detail, what foreign loans are outstanding, and in what countries, and a detailed disclosure of what foreign lending exceeds 1 per cent of bank assets when new issues are placed on the market.

This is information that Members of Parliament and the public generally should have, and the Ontario Securities Commission is to be complimented on doing things that the Inspector General of Banks should have done long ago. Madam Speaker, it appears the banks are prepared to co-operate and supply the information, and indeed some have already supplied the information without the requirement.

The Minister of State for Finance (Mr. Cosgrove) must now demand that the Inspector General of Banks take the same action that the Ontario Securities Commission has taken. For too long Parliament has been prevented from finding out how the system is really operating, on the excuse that the information is a matter of client confidentiality. If the Ontario Securities Commission can blast away the cobwebs, surely the Minister of State for Finance should be able to do the same.

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## HEALTH CARE

## AVAILABILITY OF DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FOR COMPANY EXECUTIVES

**Mr. Stanley Hudecki (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** Madam Speaker, the recent report of an