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environment is not somebody else's job, Mr. Speaker. It is yours and mine, so it is time we all did something about it.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY**WORKPLACE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM**

Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, over 800,000 work days are lost annually by Canadians to disabling injuries and over 440 lives are lost annually in Canada due to industrial accidents.

As a result, more than \$7 billion is spent annually to cover medical expenses, compensation for lost earnings, pensions, insurance and loss of production. Accidents carry a high price. Recently, the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System was imposed by Governments across Canada. It ensures access to data and instruction on how to handle dangerous material by workers. This, however, did little to change the working environment.

Canadian occupational health and safety statistics are abysmal and becoming worse. In spite of this, the Government has seen fit to decrease funding by over 11 per cent towards occupational health and safety.

Canadian workers do not deserve more cuts, Mr. Speaker. They deserve action and more direct input into resolving and eliminating occupational hazards in the workplace.

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THE PUNJAB**FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF STORMING OF GOLDEN TEMPLE**

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, today marks the fifth anniversary of the storming of the Golden Temple in the Punjab by the Indian army. It is therefore appropriate to reflect on the ongoing problems faced by the Sikh community in India.

Amnesty International reports allegations that dozens of political prisoners in Indian prisons have died after being tortured while in police custody and also that there have been staged encounters by the police in which political activists were killed. Other reports indicate that

hundreds of Sikhs are being kept in jail awaiting trial, many without any formal charges against them.

Included among those imprisoned is a Canadian landed immigrant, Mr. Amarjit Singh Sohi, a member of the Punjabi Literary Association of Edmonton. He went to India last April to work in drama and human rights groups, and was arrested in November while attending a convention. He was charged with being a Sikh terrorist. There is apparently no evidence to support the charge, but Mr. Sohi remains in detention.

Mr. Speaker, the vast majority of Sikh people favour a peaceful resolution of the difficulties in the Punjab. Continued harassment and repression by Indian authorities contribute nothing to such a resolution. I urge the Canadian Government to use its influence and express our concern to India regarding that country's treatment of Sikhs, and particularly Canadian Sikhs who visit India.

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THE ENVIRONMENT**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK**

Mr. J. W. Bud Bird (Fredericton): Mr. Speaker, in the context of National Environment Week in Canada, I wish to remind Canadians that there are two distinct perspectives evolving in the world's approach to managing our planet earth, both for our and future generations.

Dr. Jim MacNeill, Secretary of the World Commission on Environment and Development, has made these two perspectives very clear. The first is environmental protection, the area with which we have thus far been primarily concerned. It is critical that we intensify our efforts to clean and protect our environment from the ways we abuse and misuse its resources. We should understand though that in so doing, we are generally reacting to effects from our activities.

The second is sustainable development, the more recent recognition that merely reacting to protect our environment is not enough. We must do more. We must pro-act to manage our future use of the world's resources so that we may cause both those resources and humanity to be sustained in perpetuity.

In both of these perspectives—environmental protection and sustainable development—the world has much to accomplish. Canada can set that lead.