

in increased operating costs this year, and an additional \$20 million for operating costs next year, making a total of \$60 million.

The Attorneys General of the Provinces have asked the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan) and the Minister of Justice (Mr. MacGuigan) to move slowly and not implement that legislation in the foreseeable future. I would urge the Minister of Justice to listen to the Attorneys General and not implement that legislation until the Provinces are ready to enact it in a proper way. If the Minister is interested in good and just legislation, and in justice for all, he will listen to his provincial counterparts.

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EDUCATION

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF UNIVERSITIES

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, a major institution in the constituency of Saskatoon East is the University of Saskatchewan. The University of Saskatchewan, like many other universities across Canada, has found itself in an extremely grave financial situation this year because of the large number of students who have been forced to go back to school because there are no jobs in the marketplace.

I received a letter today from a fifth year student in the University of Saskatchewan, Wayne Schlapkohl. His letter explains very clearly the difficulties that lack of financing is causing for students. Library hours have been shortened, and the library has cancelled a massive number of journal subscriptions. The hardware in the various physical sciences laboratories is becoming outdated. The computer facilities are scarce. Classes are incredibly large. He cites as an example the fact that the Psychology 110 class has 550 students this year. Buildings are in need of repair, and major problems are being created because of lack of funding for the administration and professors. Mr. Schlapkohl claims that, because of this, the professors are frustrated and the general quality of teaching has gone down.

I say to the Government of Canada, the Governments of the Provinces, and everyone who is interested in post-secondary education, that because the unemployment situation in Canada means that many young people do not have jobs, a new strain is being put on university and other post-secondary education facilities. I would call for immediate solutions to that problem.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

SUGGESTED LOCATION FOR MEMORIAL TO PEACE OFFICERS

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, it is my understanding that the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan) was present at a ceremony in memory of peace officers killed in the line of duty. At that service which was held recently, he was given, on behalf of the Canadian people and the spouses of those who

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died, a book of names and a plaque, to hold in trust until an appropriate place could be found in the Parliament Buildings for their display.

This is not the first time, Madam Speaker, that I have stood in my place to ask that action be taken on this matter. It has been over a year since I passed on a similar request to the appropriate authorities. I thought that some action would already have been taken.

May I suggest once again that the Peace Tower would be an appropriate location for such a memorial? The atmosphere of hushed dignity and reverence makes the Peace Tower a fitting place to remember the valour of these brave men and women. I urge the Solicitor General, now that the book and plaque are in his possession, to take immediate action to ensure that they are placed promptly in a prominent and appropriate location in the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings.

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MINES AND MINING

VACANCY IN CABINET PORTFOLIO

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Madam Speaker, this week marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Macassa gold mine in the Kirkland Lake region of my riding. This week also marks the eighth consecutive week that the Canadian mining industry has not had a voice in Cabinet since the resignation of the former Minister because of tax evasion charges.

The Canadian mining industry employs over 274,000 people from coast to coast, and in 1980 it represented 4.7 per cent of the Gross National Product. It is an industry that is far too important to ignore for this length of time.

A former Minister of State for Mines released a mineral policy discussion paper in March, 1982, and the House has yet to see any concrete or constructive policy proposals made by the Government based on this lengthy report.

As a Member of Parliament who represents a riding in which mining is of the utmost priority, I urge the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to make the appointment of a Minister of Mines one of his top priorities. Now is the time for the Canadian mining industry and the hundreds of thousands of people associated with it to have a strong voice to represent their interests and concerns in the federal Cabinet.