

*Routine Proceedings**[Translation]*

NORTHERN TAX BENEFITS

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I herewith table one petition from Matagami and one from Lebel-sur-Quévillon, arising from recommendations made by the Task Force on Tax Benefits for Northern and Isolated Areas.

Your petitioners who represent these isolated communities are very concerned and reject the report's recommendations, one consequence of which would be that many workers would be laid off.

They believe that the Government of Canada refuses to make adjustments to reflect the harsh realities of life in the North.

[English]

CANADA POST CORPORATION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honour to table a petition signed by nearly 200 people in the community of Dubuc in my riding of Yorkton—Melville. The petitioners call upon the House to keep the post office in Dubuc open. Canada Post is in the process of trying to close that post office. In fact, last week Linda Ungar and Daphne Hedstrom of Dubuc were down here and spent an hour before the Consumer and Corporate Affairs committee explaining that they wanted to save the post office as is and that they did not want to have a retail postal outlet in the town of Dubuc.

With 200 signatures on this petition, almost everybody in the village and the surrounding farm area have signed the petition. I think you can see how serious they are. I hope the House will take it as such.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Saskatoon—Humboldt): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present petitions on behalf of 200 or so constituents of Saskatoon—Humboldt and of the constituency of the Minister of National Defence.

People in places like Wakaw, Cudworth, Birch Hills, Alsask, and Kerrobert call upon the government to reject their current proposal for a goods and services tax, to reform the taxation system so that there is a maximum tax on wealthy corporations and individuals, and to

ensure that a regressive tax not be put on but that tax reform be dealt with so it is of value to all Canadians.

Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I rise to present two petitions on the subject of the goods and services tax, signed by some 150 Canadians from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

The petitioners point out that since September 1984 this government has imposed at least 31 new tax increases on Canadian taxpayers and suggest strongly that the imposition of the new goods and services tax will cause serious and unfair hardship to low and middle income Canadians, and will create an onerous burden on small business.

For those reasons they call upon Parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax.

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table nine petitions representing hundreds of Canadians in my riding of York West who indicate through their signatures their disapproval for the government's goods and services tax.

Not only will it place an unfair burden on those low and middle income earners in York West but, as well, deliver a crippling blow to the extensive small business sector that forms the backbone of this community and indeed Canada.

I urge this government to reject its goods and services tax and provide Canadians with serious and genuine tax reform.

Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, I have petitions to present today from residents of my constituency who have great concerns about the proposed goods and services legislation.

Besides these petitions that I have in my hand, I have received thousands of signed petition forms from my constituency from people who did not address me through petitions on the correct form. Many of the people who have presented these petitions to me represent lower income families in my riding for whom the child tax credits and the credits suggested by the government will simply be insufficient to cover the costs of the goods and services tax for them.

They simply cannot bear the burden of this added taxation and ask the government to repeal this proposed legislation.