

Routine Proceedings

over 700 residents of the constituency of Etobicoke North.

The residents express their deep concern at the proposed expansion of Pearson International Airport, bearing in mind the deleterious effects on the quality of life in the constituency of Etobicoke North and other surrounding areas of the airport from previous expansion. They also express their concern about the impact that the proposed extension and addition of runways at Pearson International Airport will have on the environment, on their health and on their ability to pursue an active life in the area surrounding the airport. To that end, the petitioners offer some proposals to the government about how such unwanted and unwarranted impact of airport expansion may be avoided.

• (1510)

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present to this House a petition certified correct by the clerk of petitions. It contains the signatures of many Canadians from the great riding of Hamilton West.

In part, it states that the Liberals, on behalf of Canadians, strongly oppose this new goods and services tax which is an unprecedented tax grab from the pockets of Canadians and will hit them not only with higher taxes but higher inflation, higher interest rates and higher unemployment. Therefore, we the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, on a different matter, I also have a duty to present to this House another petition certified correct by the clerk of petitions. In part, it states that the Government of Canada has introduced charges that will reduce home-keeping services to veterans and substantially increase the cost of long-term care, and whereas the veterans have already given service to this country and should not be targeted by these measures, the petitioners call upon Parliament to reject those budget measures that deprive veterans of proper services and increase their financial hardship.

[*Translation*]

REQUEST TO END PROMOTION OF VIOLENCE

Mr. Jean-Guy Hudon (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present today a petition with regard to violence signed by 1,736 people mostly from Beauharnois, St-Etienne, Maple Grove and Melocheville in my riding. What is interesting to see in this petition sponsored by Christiane and Gérald Gatien is how they succeeded in identifying incentives to violence such as violent movies shown on television, a problem aggravated by videos, electronic games where players try to kill animated characters such as animals and people, deadly gun licences as demonstrated recently at the *École polytechnique* in Montreal, and freedom of the press. If, on the same day, we hear a great speech on Canadian unity and we see someone trampling on the Quebec flag, we can be sure that tonight most media reports will focus on the latter.

So all this publicity, this incitement to violence attracted the attention of my fellow citizens, and I am honoured to table this petition on their behalf.

[*English*]

PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by residents in my riding and in ridings abutting the Pearson International Airport. They are concerned with the viability of their neighbourhoods.

Acknowledging the fact that the airport is here to stay and that planes are a popular mode of transport, there has to be some concern and sensitivity given to trying to enforce restrictions for late night and early morning travel over these communities, that there be a fair alternating between runways so that one community is not over-burdened by one particular popular travel course where planes land and take off and, finally, that there is some concern with respect to building an additional north-south runway.

It is hoped that the very energetic, the very popular and knowledgeable new Minister of Transport, is certainly going to be more progressive than some of his predecessors. I have every confidence that this minister will listen to the concerns, not only of the travelling public but of the public who live near these airports.