

*Petitions*

## PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West):** I also have a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 36, certified by the clerk of petitions, with over 150 signatures from residents of Hamilton West and area that calls on this government to reject the proposed goods and services tax.

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition that I would like to table with the House concerning the goods and services tax, signed by several Canadians who oppose the present plan to impose a sales tax on goods and services. They would like Parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax.

**Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I have a series of petitions here from constituents in my riding of Mackenzie which calls upon the government to reject the current proposals for a goods and services tax, reform the tax system so that there is an effective minimum tax on wealthy individuals and corporations, to ensure that if and when there is broad public consensus on a sales tax measure by the federal government to replace the manufacturers' sales tax, that this reform not be just used as an opportunity for the government to impose a massive tax grab. Therefore, they call on the government to withdraw this proposal.

## PROPOSED NATO TRAINING CENTRE

**Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by some 50 or 55 residents of Toronto, Westmount, Montreal, Lasalle and Dunham who are concerned about the action of the Canadian government regarding Goose Bay in Labrador.

They urge this Parliament to join with the Assembly of First Nations and the Innu people of Labrador and other aboriginal peoples of Canada in opposing the use of their lands for NATO and NORAD attack training. They demand an end to these low level training flights in Canada and an end to the proposal to bring a NATO base to Goose Bay and that the money now being spent to promote this should be redirected to improving the lives of the aboriginal peoples of Canada and promoting sustainable development.

*[Translation]*

## OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Mark Assad (Gatineau—La Lièvre):** Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition signed by my constituents in Gatineau—La Lièvre who object to the proposed goods and services tax. Your petitioners said it was unfair and premature to introduce the tax without first implementing a full reform of the Income Tax Act. The new tax is definitely unacceptable to all Canadians.

## THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

**Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting a petition on behalf of the people of the province of Ontario, concerning the dress uniform of the Mounties, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

*[English]*

The undersigned 4,700 petitioners across Ontario and Carleton—Gloucester humbly pray and call upon Parliament to preserve the distinctive heritage and tradition of the RCMP by retaining the uniformity of dress code with all the recognizable colour and trappings that have such great historical value to this country. The pride and *esprit de corps* should not be jeopardized by changes to this truly great police force and its proud traditions and uniform.

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**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition which I wish to present on behalf of several dozen constituents in Thessalon, Ontario, which is protesting the government's goods and services tax. They point out that the government has already increased the manufacturers' sales tax from 9 per cent to 13.5 per cent. The goods and services tax will have an adverse impact on practically everything Canadians buy. It will be especially hard on low income Canadians and that it will be especially harmful to small business.

I am pleased to present this petition on behalf of my constituents in Thessalon, Ontario.

## OLD AGE SECURITY

**Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition on behalf of the senior citizens in Ottawa West who insist on speaking to their government, even if it insists on not listening. They are objecting most strenuously to the clawback of old age security and family allowance and the extreme hardship it will work and will continue to work on seniors and on families in our country.