

offices and urban post office stations throughout this country.

CANADA POST

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Madam Speaker, it gives me particular pleasure today, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present this petition. It arrived at the right time, as we are celebrating International Women's Day.

The petitioners have the following to say: We believe that a great woman, Marie Sklodowska Curie, must be honoured for her scientific contributions to humanity. We believe that the gift of the discovery of radium to heal the sick of the world deserves to be recognized by Canada. We believe that she deserves to be recognized because this discovery of radium, for which she was twice awarded the Nobel Prize, has brought relief to millions of people around the world, including Canadians. She was the first woman to win a place in the history of science.

Therefore, the petitioners feel that this Polish woman, Marie Sklodowska Curie, who was a servant of humankind and has been honoured by so many different countries of the world, should be honoured by Canada. They call upon this House to issue a commemorative stamp on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of her birth, November 7, 1992.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Madam Speaker, I have the sense that the population out there is ongoing in its concern for the tax on books, magazines and literature. I had thought, after all these months of depositing these petitions, it would be the end.

Since I have come back after the break, I have, for your interest and for this House, the request that the historic principles embodied in the tax-free status for the printed word by retaining the zero rate in the GST legislation and regulations be reviewed once again so that magazines and books will no longer be taxed at the tax level that they are suffering because it is a very serious matter.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Madam Speaker, the House will recall in December that I and other members tabled a number of petitions from people in the Wind-

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sor—Essex community which protested, in effect, the cutbacks of the government which closed down our only television station CBET.

Over 50,000 names were tabled at one time, having been gathered just over the space of a few days. We continue to receive these same kinds of petitions and I am very pleased, on behalf of the people of my community, to table a number of petitions which call upon Parliament to take all necessary measures to preserve local CBC television broadcasting in Windsor and in other areas, deprived of such service by Mulroney government cutbacks and by the decisions of CBC management.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Madam Speaker, the opposition to the GST continues. As evidence of this, I have a large number of petitions from people across the country who strongly oppose the goods and services tax on the grounds that the tax is an unprecedented tax grab from the pockets of Canadians and will hit them not only with higher interest rates, but with higher inflation, higher taxes and higher unemployment.

These petitions have been duly certified by the clerk and I am very pleased to present them to this House.

CANADA POST

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise under the provisions of Standing Order 36 to present to the House today a petition signed by thousands of residents in the Halifax area.

These individuals are very concerned about the decision by Canada Post Corporation to close the postal facilities in Halifax. They are petitioning this government and call upon this Parliament to make improved service the highest priority of Canada Post Corporation, and also to instruct the government to abandon its policy of closing rural post offices and urban postal stations.

I submit this to the House at this time.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise on International Women's Day to present a petition that has been signed by Canadians, both women and men, from every region of this country.