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in Canada. In that regard, the U.S. is phasing out its merchandise processing fee on schedule and will eliminate it entirely by January 1, 1994. The removal of this fee is an important achievement of the FTA, as it will save Canadian exporters an estimated \$400 million in the 1990-94 period and an estimated \$200 million a year thereafter.

Question No. 202—**Mr. Bellemare:**

With respect to the goods and services tax, (a) how much money has been collected by the government from January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991, or to the date at which this question is answered, whichever comes first (b) what portion of the funds collected during that period was applied to the reduction of the national debt?

Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of National Revenue):
With respect to the goods and services tax:

(a) For the period January 1—March 31/91 (1990-91 fiscal year), net GST revenues collected amounted to \$2.573 billion.

For the period April 1—November 30/91 (1991-92 fiscal year), net GST collected amounted to \$9.603 billion. (Government of Canada: Financial Results, November 1991, published by the Department of Finance: These are the most recent published revenue figures.)

(b) The debt servicing reduction bill (C-21), currently referred to the House of Commons finance committee, provides for the establishment of the Debt Servicing and reduction account. All GST revenues net of the applicable rebates and credits, net proceeds from the sale of Crown corporations and gifts to the Crown identified for debt reduction will be credited to this account. Revenues in this account will be used only to pay interest on the public debt and ultimately public debt.

Question No. 205—**Mr. Bellemare:**

With respect to the manufacturer sales tax from January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990, (a) how much money was collected by the government (b) what was the total value of the costs related to the administration of that tax?

Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of National Revenue):
With respect to the manufacturers' sales tax:

(a) From January 1, 1990, to December 31, 1990, the net federal sales tax collected totalled \$17.3 billion.

(b) From January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990, the costs related to the administration of this tax totalled \$66.9 million.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered.

Mr. Cooper: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all Notices of Motions of Production of Papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52

AGRICULTURE

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, I have given notice for an emergency debate. I wish to ask leave to move adjournment of the House for the purposes of discussing a matter of urgency, namely that immediate steps must be made by the government to preserve Canada's supply management farm marketing boards. They are now under serious threat at the GATT negotiations in Geneva. I further ask that the government deal with the entire crisis facing the agrifood industry and the family farm in Canada.