

## PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 and certified correct by the clerk of petitions.

It is from a number of constituents from Brampton who are very concerned about the government's intentions regarding the 7 per cent goods and services tax. They point out that it is a very regressive tax in that it hits the low and middle income earners the hardest.

They also point out that Canadians, as we all know, are not only overtaxed but that the tax system is discriminatory, unfair and biased in favour of upper income earners and large profitable corporations.

They also draw our attention to the fact that over 60,000 large profitable corporations do not pay any income tax at all and therefore obviously our tax system needs to be improved and made more fair, just and equitable.

They go on with a whole page of concerns that point out why this is wrong-headed, why the government has misread the people of Canada, that over 80 per cent of Canadians have indicated clearly that they oppose the tax, that this tax will particularly hit the regions of Canada, and that with the news of the last few days regarding the thousands of people who have lost their jobs in Atlantic Canada this 7 per cent tax on most of the goods and services which they utilize will simply be a cruel and a brutal tax.

In summary, the petitioners are simply asking the House of Commons to do whatever we can to bring the government to its senses to abolish and abandon its plans to implement such a cruel, brutal tax on the people of Canada.

## RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

**Mr. Al Horning (Okanagan Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present a petition from 25 of my constituents who humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact legislation which will effectively protect the life of the pre-born child without distinction as to the stage of development.

## EXTRADITION LAWS

**Mr. Al Horning (Okanagan Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I also have a second petition to present pursuant to Standing Order 36. It contains 97 signatures of petition-

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ers who call upon Parliament to revise the laws of Canada relating to extradition to allow the Justice Minister of Canada to order the extradition of alleged or convicted criminals at any time after their apprehension in Canada, even during their period of incarceration for crimes committed in Canada.

These 97 constituents represent over 100,000 names that have been presented here in the last three months.

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**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey—White Rock):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions signed by people from Surrey, B.C. who are calling upon Parliament to introduce legislation that will effectively protect the life of the pre-born child without distinction as to the stage of development.

[*Translation*]

## OPPOSITION TO TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TAX BENEFITS FOR ISOLATED AND NORTHERN AREAS

**Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am today tabling five petitions which reject the recommendations of the Task Force on Tax Benefits for Isolated and Northern Areas.

The signers representing the isolated community of Lebel-sur-Quévillon in Abitibi are concerned about the recommendations of this unfinished report.

Mr. Speaker, the final report of this task force makes no mention of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement and of the inquiry into regional disparities of isolated posts by the Quebec Government in October 1989.

[*English*]

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**Mr. Ross Stevenson (Durham):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36, signed by 161 people most of whom live in the riding of Durham, in the Bowmanville area of the town of Newcastle.

The petitioners call on the government to enact legislation which will effectively protect the life of a pre-born child without distinction as to the stage of development.