

Routine Proceedings

These petitioners are all opposed to the goods and services tax and call on this government and the other place to reject this unfair and regressive bill.

[Translation]

OPPOSITION TO GST

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour and the privilege of presenting a petition signed by a number of constituents in the riding of Glengarry—Prescott—Russell which I have the honour to represent.

These residents live in communities like Sarsfield, Clarence Creek and several other villages in the riding.

Mr. Speaker, the hundreds of Canadians who signed these petitions and who are from communities all over my riding, call upon this government and Parliament to ensure that the GST bill is abandoned immediately.

I hope that once and for all, the Conservative Government will listen to the constructive advice given by constituents in Glengarry—Prescott—Russell.

[English]

Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise to present two petitions today. First I have a petition from a number of residents in the city of Moose Jaw who are opposed to the goods and services tax. They say that the goods and services tax is an unfair form of taxation because of its lack of regard for taxpayers' ability to pay.

They further state that the government has not addressed the unfair taxation system currently in place which permits wealthy individuals and corporations to pay little or no federal tax, while forcing lower and middle income taxpayers to bear more of the national tax burden.

They call upon this government to reject the GST tax and put in a fair form of taxation.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre): I also have a petition, Mr. Speaker, once again from a number of farmers in Saskatchewan who are opposed to the withdrawal of oats from the Canadian Wheat Board. These farmers are concerned that the Wheat Board is now being weakened.

They call upon this government to re-place oats under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board. They also call upon this government to give oats and barley the same protection as wheat now has under the Canadian Wheat Board Act, namely that it cannot be changed or removed without the consent of Parliament.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition with names of hundreds of residents of Burnaby—Kingsway and elsewhere in British Columbia, collected by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association and the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association, pointing out that individual amateur hockey consumers in British Columbia are not eligible for the goods and services tax credit and therefore will undoubtedly absorb this tax after every other producer receives a tax credit.

They note as well that the amateur hockey community in British Columbia, the hundreds of local community associations, the thousands of amateur hockey teams, tens of thousands of young players, the hundreds of thousands of taxpaying parents, and the millions of amateur hockey volunteers and supporters across Canada will ultimately bear the burden of this iniquitous goods and services tax.

For that reason they note as well that the impact of the GST on the amateur hockey community, the players, the parents, the fans, the coaches, the team officials, the referees, the linesmen, the volunteer executives, and the sponsors will be very serious.

For that reason, they urge the Government of Canada to withdraw the application of the GST on provincial non-profit sports organizations such as the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association.

CANADIAN NATIONAL

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting another petition which notes that an all-party parliamentary subcommittee was created by order on April 17, 1985 to examine, inquire to and to report on all matters of CN pensions.

This subcommittee made comprehensive recommendations which have been ignored to date. Therefore these petitioners call upon Parliament to introduce legislation directing the CN railway company to comply