

Routine Proceedings

services tax which will affect every man, woman and child in those ridings.

VIA RAIL

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege to table today a petition that has been certified correct by the Clerk of Petitions according to Standing Order 36. The petition is signed by a number of residents of the City of Toronto. They point out that this government, like its Liberal predecessor, has refused to provide VIA with the necessary support to fully realize its potential to develop the kind of national passenger rail network that Canadians want and deserve. They call upon Parliament to live up to its original pledge to support VIA Rail.

[Translation]

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): I have the honour of tabling, pursuant to Standing Order 36, two petitions by Canadians who call upon this Government to withdraw the proposed goods and services tax.

[English]

Mr. Joe McGuire (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am honoured to present to this House a petition from the people of London, Ontario, which humbly asks that the proposed goods and services tax being brought in by this government be rejected.

Mr. Lyle Vanclief (Prince Edward—Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present two petitions from Canadians in London, Ontario, who humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax.

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present four petitions which have been certified correct. All four petitions, with a total 116 signatures, deal with the proposed goods and services tax, and ask Parliament to do what it is supposed to do, namely, to listen to the people of Canada and, in this case, to categorically and unequivocally reject any legislation which is brought forward for the purpose of implementing the goods and services tax.

This will be just the beginning of many tens of petitions that the people of my riding will be presenting to the House.

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Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present a petition on behalf of a number of westerners who were concerned—actually this was before the fact—about the proposed cuts to VIA. Now we could say the cuts to VIA. The petitioners are asking the government to reconsider that decision.

It is an honour to present this petition.

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to also rise today under the provisions of Standing Order 36 to present to the Clerk of Petitions. These petitions from Canadians rights across this country call upon the government, in light of the now well-defined cuts to VIA Rail, to reconsider these cuts and to modernize the VIA Rail services in those parts of the country where it can provide a more rapid, economical, safe, convenient, environmentally-sound, and energy-efficient alternative to other means of transportation.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 75 could be made an Order for Return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Deputy Speak: It is the pleasure of the House that Question No. 75 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS

Question No. 75—**Mr. Caccia:**

1. Which policy, budget and programs, based on the 1989-90 estimates, in each department or agency (a) implements (b) discourages the implementation of environmentally sustainable development?

2. For each such program, what are the respective budgets and person-years?

Return tabled.