

system to provide a healthy climate for small business in Canada.

The other takes the point of view of all taxpayers and all consumers and makes similar requests to the government to abandon the goods and services tax because it is a regressive form of tax and calls on the government to set up a commission to make certain that we have real tax reform.

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Madam Speaker, I have the pleasure to rise under Standing Order 36 to present a petition on the goods and services tax. These constituents express concern about the tax. They are petitioning Parliament to see that the tax is removed, and that of course includes the Senate where they fear that the Liberals will just pass the GST anyway.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am pleased to present a petition on behalf of my friend from Bonavista—Trinity—Conception who happens to be the only retired admiral on this side of the House. His constituents humbly pray that the restrictions placed on unemployment insurance be withdrawn by the government.

[*Translation*]

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester): Madam Speaker, I have in my hand a petition signed by many Canadians, pursuant to Standing Order 36.

I shall try to summarize the petition very briefly in French. These people are against the over 31 tax increases of various kinds. The manufacturers' tax has gone from 9 per cent to 13.5 per cent. They think that the new 7 per cent GST which is now proposed will be a hidden tax. It will have a serious negative impact on buyers and will strike a heavy blow to small businesses.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to present these petitions in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Routine Proceedings

[*English*]

The first petition rejects the \$2.9 billion cut to the unemployment insurance, and asks for meaningful reform for a labour force development strategy that is comprehensive and for a full employment policy.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): I also have a petition condemning this nefarious goods and services tax, the thirty-second Tory tax increase.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): I have another petition which condemns the brutal and insensitive cuts to our veterans.

AIR INDIA

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise to present to the House 38 separate petitions containing some 2,500 signatures gathered through the good offices of the hon. member for York South—Weston.

The petitioners note that June 23 next will be the fifth anniversary of the tragedy of Air India flight 182 in which 329 people were killed. While recognizing that the investigation is continuing, the relatives of the victims and all Canadians have not yet been told of all the facts and causes of the tragedy. The petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to institute a royal commission of inquiry to make these facts known and put in place the final chapter of this most sorrowful event in Canadian history.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Madam Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition of many pages signed by hundreds of petitioners in Dawson City, Whitehorse, Sioux Lookout, Dryden, Kamloops and Prince George which reminds the House that the government has eliminated funding for the native communications program which eliminates 11 aboriginal newspapers, two magazines and the National Aboriginal Communications Society. It also eliminated radio maintenance funding for native community radio stations, as well as a life-saving high frequency radio used by aboriginal trappers as a lifeline to local communities. It also reduced funding for the Northern Native Broadcast Access Program.