

There was no consultation and they want the decision deferred so that there can be consultation and study before it is finally made.

#### TAXATION

**Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface):** Mr. Speaker, my final petition is with respect to various incongruities, contradictions and unfairness in the tax system.

These petitioners believe that because certain tax receipted day care is tax deductible and others are not, it is unfair. They believe that various family models are taxed differently and that is, in fact, true.

They want the various systems attempting to help the family to be combined to make it simpler and fairer for all Canadians.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present to the House petitions bearing over 2,000 signatures which call upon Parliament to reaffirm the historic principles embodied in tax free status for the printed word by restoring the zero rate by amendment to the GST legislation and regulations.

These petitions were signed at the bookstore of Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia.

#### JUSTICE

**Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by 2,350 people from the communities of Edmonton, Calgary and Hobbema who note that the Alberta Court of Appeal has found there was evidence in the trial of Wilson Nepoose to indicate that there was a gross miscarriage of justice in that case.

The petitioners are calling on Parliament to convene an independent public inquiry into the wrongful conviction of Wilson Nepoose for the murder of Marie Rose Desjarlais.

#### COURT CHALLENGES PROGRAM

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, I have five petitions today from people who object strongly to the government's decision to cancel the Court Challenges Program.

These petitioners submit that the Court Challenges Program allowed many individuals and minority groups

to clarify in the courts their constitutional, linguistic and equality rights.

The Court Challenges Program has been and should continue to be an essential tool that makes the Charter of Rights and Freedoms accessible to all Canadians seeking justice through the courts.

The Court Challenges Program is an inexpensive government initiative that directly benefits all Canadians and costs approximately 10 cents per person per year.

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The Court Challenges Program continues to be essential in the development of legal precedents involving the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. To this end the petitioners call upon Parliament to urge the government to consider the advisability of reinstating the Court Challenges Program which facilitates the accessibility of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to all Canadians.

#### THE CONSTITUTION

**Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake):** Mr. Speaker, I have four petitions, the first two being from the good residents of Lavenham, Manitoba who petition the government to have a referendum much like my colleague from St. Boniface petitioned. They ask that the proper legislation be put forward.

#### UKRAINE

**Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake):** Mr. Speaker, the third petition comes from a good number of constituents of Mississauga and that part of Ontario. It calls upon the government to recognize Ukraine's independence and asks the government to establish full diplomatic relations with the government immediately to confirm the vote of the Ukraine of December 1.

#### GOVERNMENT SPENDING

**Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake):** Mr. Speaker, the fourth petition is from a few hundred people from the riding of Portage—Interlake which I represent. It calls upon Parliament to support for restraint by unanimously passing the proposed law limiting government spending which we heard in the last budget by our Minister of Finance. They support this action 100 per cent.