

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, December 6, 1990

The House met at 11 a.m.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PETITIONS

#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of State (Youth) and Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government responses to 26 petitions.

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### CANADIAN NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

#### PRESENTATION OF 20TH REPORT

**Mr. Bob Hicks (Scarborough East):** Mr. Speaker, subject to Standing Order 34, I have the overwhelming pleasure and privilege to present to the House, in both official languages, the 20th report of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association.

[Translation]

#### PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS—PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the Twenty-First Report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, in both official languages. This report concerns the procedures and practices relating to the conduct of Private Members' Business.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

### PETITIONS

#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions which I wish to lay on the table, pursuant to Standing Order 36.

The petitions are signed by residents of the province of Ontario from places such as Ottawa, Markham, Toronto, and other communities throughout the province.

All the petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to exercise prudent judgment and withdraw the goods and services tax, particularly as it applies to the tax on magazines, books and newspapers. These petitioners, like other Canadians, are appalled at the fact that the Government of Canada would move forward with the goods and services tax which they believe to be very negative in view of the state of the economy at the present time.

**Mr. Jack Whittaker (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition under Standing Order 36 which has been certified by the Clerk of Petitions. This is another in a series of petitions that I have had the pleasure of presenting for members of the public from across Canada against the goods and services tax.

The petitioners have not given up hope that the government will come to its senses and withdraw this unfair tax and bring in a tax system that is fair to all Canadians.

**Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have additional petitions against the GST. These are from my home province of Saskatchewan. Others are from Ontario and Quebec. These petitions in addition to the thousands that I have already tabled in the House.