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Lithuanian situation. However, as President Landsbergis asks, are the democratic nations willing to sell Lithuania to the Soviet Union once more?

How should Canada respond? As a first step we could give Lithuania diplomatic recognition. Remember the Soviet Union has admitted Lithuania was incorporated into the U.S.S.R. illegally, and Canada has never accepted Lithuania's annexation.

The historic events which have occurred over the past year have been breathtaking. Country after country have turned their backs on communism and are now struggling to build a democratic government.

Now is the time for Canada to stand firmly beside our friends in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia to ensure their dreams of independence are realized.

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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Phillip Edmonston (Chambly): Mr. Speaker, this afternoon and later this week, hon. members will vote on Bill C-62, the famous goods and services tax bill.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Mr. Edmonston: If the bill is passed, this tax will be the biggest and most unfair tax grab in Canada's history. Nearly 80 per cent of Canadians in this country are opposed to this tax.

An Hon. Member: That's not true!

Mr. Edmonston: Canadians believe, and rightly so, that this tax will result in higher taxes, higher inflation and interest rates, and an increase in the unemployment rate, especially in Quebec.

We urge all Quebecers to call their respective Conservative members, those so-called defenders of Quebec, and tell them to vote against this tax grab, Mr. Speaker.

I would also ask the members for Lévis (Mr. Fontaine), Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead (Mr. Gérin), Richelieu (Mr. Plamondon) and Verdun—Saint-Paul (Mr. Chartrand) to have the courage to act according to their principles and vote against this unfair sales tax.

An Hon. Member: Call them now!

[English]

CANADA POST

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, the emperor of Canada Post has new clothes: 27,000 uniforms to be precise. The problem is that the emperor does not have to wear these clothes himself, only his subjects do.

Mind you, there is hope. Some of the emperor's disciples have now been heard wishing that they too could have the company pay for 100 per cent of their wardrobe. Maybe that wish should be granted. Maybe the emperor should require that all his managers wear the uniform. After all what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, as my colleagues from Newfoundland would say.

There is also a problem with the style of the emperor's new clothes which the wearers say are ill fitting, impractical and unsafe. "Not so", says the emperor's designers, "the style is easy to understand and easy to wear". Does that reflect the corporation's opinion of the employee?

Finally there is the matter of the emperor's diminishing loyalty to the Crown. Why does the uniform no longer carry either the name or the flag of the country? Has the emperor sought the approval of cabinet for this matter? Has cabinet even considered the issue?

In these trying times one only wishes the emperor the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job, both qualities which he lacks.

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BERGEN CONFERENCE

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the Bergen Conference of European and North American States will take place from May 8 to May 16, 1990. The conference is a major step in a process that started with the publication of the Brundtland Report, leading up to the UN conference on environment and development in 1992. Canada has been a staunch supporter of the Bergen Conference.

Environment Canada will be the Canadian government's main participant at this Conference. The delegation will be headed by the Hon. Lucien Bouchard and