

On motion of Senator Doody, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 44(1)(f), bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading later this day.

THE HONOURABLE H.A. OLSON

TRIBUTES ON RECEIPT OF WESTERN FAIRS ASSOCIATION AWARD

Hon. Joyce Fairbairn: Honourable senators, from time to time members of this chamber are given honours and awards for special service to various sectors of our society, and on such occasions I think all of us join in celebrating this recognition.

Today I should like to inform honourable senators that on June 13 our colleague, Senator Olson, received the highest award presented by the Western Fairs Association for his dedicated support. This association is an organization made up of major exhibition companies in western North America. It includes the Edmonton Northlands, the Calgary Stampede, the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver, as well as others in Canada and the United States.

On the plaque Senator Olson received are the beliefs that guide this association: "Fairs create anew. They provide refreshment of strength and spirit after toil. Fairs unite and bind us all together as friends and neighbours."

For all of his parliamentary career, which stretches over 33 years, Senator Olson, as all of us know, has devoted his energy, his time, and, indeed, his heart and soul to agriculture in Canada, whether as a member of the House of Commons, as a senator, as a minister of the Crown, or as a former distinguished leader in this house. This Blue Ribbon Award, as it is called, is well deserved. We are delighted that the Western Fairs Association has chosen Senator Olson as its recipient. I am sure all of us offer him our heartiest congratulations.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear! Speech, speech!

Hon. H.A. Olson: Thank you very much, honourable senators.

Senator Flynn: No preamble!

Senator Olson: I want to thank Senator Fairbairn for her very kind and generous comments. I also want to express my appreciation, very publicly here in this forum, to the Western Fairs Association for making this award to me this year, unworthy though I may be.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear!

ABORIGINAL PEOPLES BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Charlie Watt presented Bill S-18, to further the aspirations of the aboriginal peoples of Canada.

Bill read first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

On motion of Senator Watt, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

MR. NELSON MANDELA DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

ADDRESS TO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I ask that the address of Mr. Nelson Mandela, the Deputy President of the African National Congress, to both houses of Parliament, together with the speeches of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate, and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* of this day.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it agreed, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of speech, see appendix "A", p. 2117.)

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS ON BILL C-62

Hon. Jacques Hébert: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 142 residents of the Toronto area who object to the goods and services tax bill.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 29 residents of Bramalea, Ontario, who object to the goods and services tax bill.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 20 residents of the Mississauga region of Ontario who object to the goods and services tax bill.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 22 residents of the region of Brampton, Ontario, who are opposed to the goods and services tax bill.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 23 residents of Peterborough, Ontario, who are opposed to the goods and services tax.

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Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by four residents of St-Sauveur, Quebec, and another petition signed by four residents of Ste-Marie de Beauce, Quebec, who are opposed to the goods and services tax.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 21 residents of the Prince George region in British Columbia who object to the goods and services tax.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 20 residents of the region of Beaudry, Quebec, who are opposed to the goods and services tax.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 40 residents of the region of Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, who are opposed to the goods and services tax.