

Routine Proceedings

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Madam Speaker, I have another petition from Canadians in Iqaluit. I am indeed very honoured to table this one, having spent a week in that part of Canada. They are dead set against the GST. They want it scrapped because even though the government may not put the tax on food, they have to pay for transportation on all the food that they get.

On their behalf, we can upon Parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax. That is from a group of Canadians that I hope the government is listening to.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. David Bjornson (Selkirk): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of the member for Lisgar—Marquette, signed by 30 petitioners, and another petition from my riding of Selkirk, signed by 40 petitioners who call upon Parliament to enact legislation which will effectively protect the life of the preborn child without distinction as to stages of development.

Madam Speaker, I also have the honour to present a petition from the Knights of Columbus No. 6150 in my riding of Selkirk, signed by 33 petitioners who call upon Parliament to enact legislation which protects human life from conception to natural death.

BILL 178

Mr. David Bjornson (Selkirk): Madam Speaker, I also have the honour to present a petition signed by 33 people from Oakbank, Dugald and Hazelridge, Manitoba, who call upon Parliament to pass a resolution of the House of Commons urging the Governor General in Council to give full force and effect to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms by the exercise of its constitutional power of disallowance with respect to Bill 178 in the province of Quebec.

[*Translation*]

OPPOSITION TO GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present 31 petitions bearing the signatures of 2,464 residents of the riding of Saint-Léonard and the Greater Montreal region. The 2,464 signatories call upon Parliament to reject the new goods and services tax which the government plans to

levy as of January 1, 1991. They feel that the tax is regressive and unfair and that it will be an additional source of hardship for Canadian taxpayers.

Madam Speaker, your petitioners urge the government to listen to Canadians and to withdraw this tax forthwith.

[*English*]

BILL 178

Mr. Ken James (Sarnia—Lambton): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my duty and obligation to present this petition to the House today which has been certified correct as to form and content by the Clerk of Petitions.

The sum total of 70 signatories from my riding of Sarnia—Lambton call upon the Parliament of Canada to urge the Governor in Council to exercise its constitutional power of disallowance with respect to Bill 178 of the province of Quebec which they believe contravenes the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte): Madam Speaker, it is my honour to present to you pursuant to Standing Order 36 the attached petition requesting that the Parliament of Canada enact legislation that will define and protect the life of the unborn child.

• (1630)

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to do that, and that involves, of course, changing or attempting to change the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to protect the life of the unborn child, recognizing the life of the unborn. The petitioners urge us to do just that, so it is my privilege to present to you these petitions from Carleton—Charlotte.

VIA RAIL

Ms. Catherine Callbeck (Malpeque): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 36 to present a petition signed by my constituents. These people are opposed to cutbacks in VIA Rail. They indicate that several rural communities in Canada rely exclusively on rail passenger service and that the tourist industry in Canada relies on rail passenger service.