

of the Standing Committee on Transport in both official languages. Pursuant to Standing Order 109, the committee requests a comprehensive response to this report within 150 days.

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

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

### BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS

**Hon. Jean J. Charest (Minister of State (Youth) and Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to you a draft motion for consideration of the House. I move:

That the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges, Procedure and Private Members' Business be authorized to broadcast an advertisement concerning the order of reference on the broadcasting of the House and committees dated June 8, 1989, from November 9, 1989, to November 27, 1989, on the parliamentary channel.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the hon. minister have consent to introduce the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Prud'homme:** On division.

Motion agreed to.

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## PETITIONS

### VIA RAIL

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, I have both the honour and the duty to present a petition which contains hundreds of names from constituents of mine in the federal riding of Brant who decry the cutbacks of VIA Rail. The petition states, we the undersigned call upon the government to live up to its original pledge to support VIA Rail and to abandon plans for further cuts to VIA's budget, and to provide the necessary resources to allow VIA Rail to operate as a modern effective transportation company rather than as a museum.

### EXTRADITION

**Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough):** Mr. Speaker, it was in July, 1985, that Charles Ng, wanted to stand trial for 13

brutal murders in the United States, entered our country, was before our courts and is in our institutions now. We have learned recently that his lawyer is appealing the extradition signing of the justice minister and we are about to see another line of appeals before our appeal system federally, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

These 899 petitioners are urging the Canadian government to streamline its extradition laws so that Canada does not become a haven to escape American justice for these wanted convicts from the United States. This brings the total to 92,746 such petitions entered into the House of Commons from Canadians coast to coast.

### PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and responsibility to table petitions signed by hundreds of citizens in the Sudbury basin, such places as North Bay, Chelmsford, Blezard Valley, Val-Thérèse, St. Charles, Copper Cliff, Azilda, Lively, Naughton, Whitefish, Falconbridge, Skead, Sturgeon Falls, Dowling, Coniston, Markstay, Sudbury, Garson, Capreol, Val Caron, Hanmer and Wanapitei.

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These hundreds of citizens who have signed these petitions point out that the government's proposed goods and services tax is a regressive tax. They reject it on the basis of regressivity.

The petitioners therefore call upon Parliament to reject the current proposal for a goods and services tax. They also ask Parliament to ensure that if and when there is broad public consensus on a sales tax measure to replace the manufacturers' sales tax it not be the opportunity for the government to impose a massive tax grab.

**Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege today to table 68 petitions which have been certified correct by the clerk.

These 68 petitions contain the signatures of 1,443 residents from Thunder Bay, Nipigon, Kakabeka Falls, Dorion, Red Rock and other small communities in northern Ontario. The petitioners want to impress upon this House their strong opposition to the government's proposed goods and services tax.