

LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS

Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present two petitions under Standing Order 36.

The first one is signed by a large number of Canadians from many different parts of the country, including British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, and Ontario. The petitioners join many other Canadians who have signed petitions calling for an end to low-level flight training in Canada. They support the Innu of Labrador and the Assembly of First Nations in that request. These people also ask Canada to redirect its NATO-NORAD funding toward enabling Canada's aboriginal population to regain control of their lands and livelihood and to promote sustainable development for all Canadians.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River): Mr. Speaker, this petition which I have the honour to present was signed by virtually every resident of the community of Pine House in my constituency in northern Saskatchewan.

These petitioners, as well as millions of other Canadians, are calling on the government to reconsider its goods and services tax. They point out that this burden will fall heaviest on those who can least afford to pay, particularly those in northern areas of our country.

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to submit petitions from the people of Saskatchewan who take exception to the fact that the GST will be applied to reading material.

They state, and correctly so, that books, magazines, and newspapers are free from tax in this country. Now the government is going to be subjecting these materials to the GST. Reading material has always been a foundation of the democratic process.

The petitioners move to reaffirm historic principles embodied in the tax free status of the printed word by retaining the zero rate of the GST legislation and regulations as they apply to books, magazines and newspapers.

Routine Proceedings

GASOLINE ADDITIVES

Hon. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present petitions containing some 300 names, the first of literally thousands. Residents in southwestern Ontario are demanding that the government ban the use of methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl, a gasoline additive; the manganese part of which is an insidious neuro-toxic substance which attacks the brain cells, particularly in young children whose immune systems are not fully developed.

We ask the government to move immediately to ban this substance and replace it with environmentally friendly ethanol as an octane enhancer in the gasoline of Canada.

[*Translation*]

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Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour and privilege to present a number of petitions. These petitions are signed by members of my family, relatives and some of my friends and neighbours from the village of Sarsfield, in Ontario, where I live. They are all unanimous in their opposition to the GST proposed by the Conservative government. They ask that the GST be withdrawn before the government loses its Prime Minister because of a tax measure, like what happened in England.

[*English*]

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Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure of tabling a petition in the House signed by numerous residents of the riding of Glengarry—Prescott—Russell who, like those put forward by my honourable and distinguished colleague, are opposed to the goods and services tax.

These people recite that the tax will hit them not only with higher taxes but with higher inflation, higher interest rates, and higher unemployment. They and all other Canadians have more than enough of that already without the additional impositions that the goods and services tax will make on them. They call upon Parliament to reject the goods and services tax.

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise, pursuant to Standing Order 36, and present petitions in the House of Commons. About 300 petitioners, over 200 of them from my city of Nepean and