

Routine Proceedings

I welcome this announcement, Mr. Speaker, but as I have indicated much more needs to be done, and I urge the minister to quickly settle those other outstanding claims on a fair and just basis.

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CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-53, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (arson).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon. minister shall have leave to introduce the bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-54, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (joinder of counts).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon. minister shall have leave to introduce the bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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CUSTOMS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Gerald S. Merrithew (for Mr. Jelinek) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-55, an Act to amend the Customs Act.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon. minister shall have leave to introduce the bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

[Translation]

PETITIONS

THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity today to present a petition from young students at the Charles-Rodrigue School in Lévis.

The purpose of this petition is to send an important message to our legislators about the environment, the ozone layer, the greenhouse effect and acid rain.

I would like to pay special tribute to students Marie-Ève Préau and Julie-Anne Vien who helped to promote this petition. Mr. Speaker, I may add that the message sent to us by students of the Charles-Rodrigue School is supported by their teachers and all the people responsible for transmitting to our young students a collective awareness that must be translated here by our legislators into concrete measures to protect our environment.

• (1200)

[English]

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Hon. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I rise today, under Standing Order 36, to present a petition signed by the residents of southwestern Ontario objecting to the government's goods and services tax.

PORNOGRAPHY

Hon. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I also have two petitions duly certified by the clerk of petitions to present on behalf of the constituents of Lambton—Middlesex to the House of Commons.

The constituents are very concerned about the impact of pornography on the outlook and views of our children. They are concerned specifically that obscenity involving children is degrading and harmful to the human mind, and also that organized crime is usually the beneficiary of the proceeds that this bleeds from the economy.

I present these petitions on behalf of these constituents in my area who are concerned about the level of pornography in the country.