

*Routine Proceedings*

## RIGHT TO LIFE

**Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake):** Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to present this petition from about 24 people from Portage La Prairie, Manitoba who wish Parliament to enact legislation that protects human life from conception to natural death.

## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Joe McGuire (Egmont):** Madam Speaker, I rise, pursuant Standing Order No. 36, to present a petition opposing the government's goods and services tax.

It is the wish and prayer of the petitioners that this government cease in its efforts to foist the goods and services tax on an unwilling and unaccepting public.

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition from a great many Canadians who are very concerned about the goods and services tax and wish to express to the government their disagreement in what the government is doing.

They say that it is just going to be a tax grab and certainly will not be in the interest of Canadians. In fact it will be very damaging to the people of Canada.

## VIA RAIL

**Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn):** Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today, pursuant to Standing Order No. 36, to present a petition on behalf of the people who are decrying what the government has done to VIA Rail, including the \$500 million cut that is resulting in decreased service and the certainty that the equipment needed to maintain VIA would not be purchased.

They are asking the Government of Canada to force VIA Rail to come up with a firm business plan to assure the continuance of VIA Rail as a world method of transportation.

## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Ron MacDonald (Dartmouth):** Madam Speaker, it is my duty and pleasure today, pursuant to Standing Order No. 36, to present to this House a properly certified petition from Canadians who are absolutely opposed to this government's proposed goods and service tax at 9 per cent, 7 per cent, 1 per cent or whatever.

The signatories on this particular petition are part of the 72 per cent of Canadians who are saying no, loud and clear, to any type of GST.

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**Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East):** Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise, under Standing Order 36, to present roughly another 300 signatures of Canadians, mostly resident in Edmonton but resident in other parts of Canada as well. They are in addition to the thousands I have already presented and are calling on Parliament to reject the current proposal for a goods and services tax and to cause the government to cease with the proposal which will shift the tax burden on to ordinary Canadians through a regressive consumption tax instead of through real tax reform.

I am going to keep presenting these signatures as they come in until one of two things happen: either the government scraps the GST or the Canadian people scrap the government.

**Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso):** Madam Speaker, it is my privilege, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a petition on behalf of my colleague, the member for Windsor West, from Canadians in the Windsor area who also are opposed to the goods and services tax.

They think that it is a regressive tax, an unfair tax, an inflationary tax and a tax which they want this government to withdraw. They humbly pray and call upon Parliament to achieve that end.

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present petitions signed by a host of electors in the riding of Windsor West who object to the goods and services tax and call upon Parliament to reject this unfair and regressive tax.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas):** Madam Speaker, this petition has been certified correct under the provisions of Standing Order 36. On behalf of my fellow citizens of the Windsor and London regions I am pleased to convey their message. They urge Parliament to reject the goods and services tax because they believe it is totally unfair.