

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, October 1, 1991

The House met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

PETITIONS

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to table two sets of petitions this morning.

The first petition is from residents from the Upsala area in northwestern Ontario who continue to object to the goods and services tax and call on the government to implement real tax fairness in this country.

LITHUANIA

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): The second petition, appropriately processed through the Clerk of Petitions, is signed by residents of Thunder Bay who are concerned about the fallout from events in what used to be the Soviet Union. Your petitioners call upon Parliament to ascertain the specific requirements for medical aid in Lithuania, allocate funds for the acquisition of required medical supplies, and expedite the shipment of these supplies to the Government of Lithuania.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to present two petitions to the House. Both concern the government's back to work legislation. The petitions are signed by Canadians resident in the Northwest Territories, the Ottawa area, Moose Factory, Ontario, Baker Lake in the Northwest Territories and in Iqaluit.

These Canadians are appalled at the government's insensitivity to the needs of its public servants and they call upon Parliament to reject the imposition of wage controls and to reaffirm our support as a Parliament for the collective bargaining process in Canada.

THE ECONOMY

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I too am honoured and privileged to stand in this House pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present to this House a petition certified correct by the Clerk of Petitions. The constituents are from Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Burlington and Brantford. This is only one of many petitions that have come the government's way.

Your petitioners state that the Conservative government's high interest rate, high dollar policies and 33 new tax increases since September 1984 are the source of inflationary pressures. They go on to state many other examples and wrap up with a conclusion as follows: Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject the imposition of wage controls and reaffirm support for free collective bargaining for Canadians workers.

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, I too stand pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present petitions in the House of Commons on behalf of people from Indian Head, Saskatchewan, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Quebec, St. Catharines, Deléage, Cap Rouge and many many towns and small villages in the province of Quebec.

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These people are also very concerned about the number of taxes and the high interest rates that this government has imposed upon Canadians, taking away their purchasing power. They are concerned that this will only deepen the recession in this country. The petitioners are also very concerned about the wage limits that have been imposed upon public servants within Canada.

They call upon Parliament and pray that we will reject the imposition of wage controls and reaffirm our support for the free collective bargaining rights.