

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, more specifically the rules regarding international agricultural trade.

The many poultry and egg producers and concerned citizens of Alberta who have signed this petition support the efforts of this Government of Canada at the GATT negotiations. They support the federal government's position on the issue of agricultural trade. They want an agreement which restores sanity to international agricultural trade.

They urge the Canadian government to maintain its position on article XI of the GATT, to maintain a position that should be clarified and strengthened to protect Canada's system of supply management.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Mr. Ken Hughes (Macleod): Mr. Speaker, my second petition is a very substantive one. It is on behalf of 600 citizens of the province of Alberta. Most of the signatures come from the riding of Macleod.

The petition is in support of the proposed spending control act, an important piece of legislation and one widely supported by the people of Macleod.

By signing this petition they have indicated their support for the federal government's initiative to legislate limits on government spending. They have simple message for all hon. members of the House, that enough is enough.

They want us to get the government's fiscal house in order and ask that members of the House unanimously support this legislation.

These are from many communities.

JUSTICE

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I too have a petition to present to this House. It is my honour and duty to do so and it has been certified correct by the clerk of petitions. It contains the signatures of many Canadians living in my riding of Hamilton West, right through down to Tillsonburg, Binbrook and other areas of Hamilton and Burlington.

They join the over 100,000 petitioners who have all called on this House to support the parents of Nina de Villiers and request that Parliament recognize that crimes of violence against the person are serious and

abhorrent to society and amend the Criminal Code of Canada, the Bail Reform Act, 1972 and the Parole Act accordingly.

Routine Proceedings

CROATIA

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by a large number of people from central British Columbia, calling upon the Government of Canada to recognize an independent and sovereign Croatia. They are calling upon the government to provide adequate humanitarian aid for those gallant Croatians defending their families, their homes and their homeland. They raised a number of other items, but I will present those at subsequent times.

I want to say that I consider it a privilege and indeed an honour to have this opportunity to make this presentation.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): On another matter I have a petition from a large number of constituents, literally many hundreds of people. I have not counted all of the names.

They point out their concern that the government's 9 per cent goods and services tax is causing a great deal of economic pain for increasing numbers of Canadians and are asking the government to reconsider continuing with this tax.

RCMP

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): On another matter, petitioners from Kamloops are calling upon the Government of Canada to ensure that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has adequate funding to enable it to fulfil its mandate and its role as the only visible police force for communities across British Columbia.

NORTH THOMPSON RIVER

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): On the last matter, the petitioners are pointing out their concern for the plan of a Vancouver based company, in co-operation with a California based company, and their intention to dam the North Thompson River at Vavenby, British Columbia, in an effort to divert some of the water into the San Diego, California area.

They are simply calling upon the government to indicate that Canadian rivers are not for sale.