

How does this government show its gratitude? How does this Tory government repay you for your sacrifices? They raise your lodging charges for long-term hospital care to save \$17.3 million. They withdraw services to you under the Veterans Independence Program to save another \$18 million. You too will have to pay the dreaded goods and services tax, if this government is not stopped now.

Yes, veterans, we are in another battle, a battle to save Canadians from the GST. We need your help one more time. This is how you may join the fight, the Liberal anti-GST fight on behalf of all Canadians. Your weapon is the telephone. Pick it up and call 1-900-720-6051 or 1-900-720-6052. Tell your friends to call and mobilize your—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The hon. member for Montmorency—Orleans.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Mr. Charles DeBlois (Montmorency—Orléans): Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the government for its excellent science and technology policies and its efforts to promote co-operation between the government, the industry and Canadian universities.

The National Research Council's new focused-ion beam facility is a case in point. This laboratory is the only one of its kind in Canada and one of five in North America.

For the NRC, this facility is the key to research on electronic and optoelectronic devices of the year 2000. These devices will be about 100 nanometers, or 100 billionths of a meter, thick, which is 10 times smaller than current equipment.

This new technology is so precise that researchers were able to illustrate its amazing possibilities by drawing on the point of a pin—not the head but the point—no less than 1,711 tiny angels.

This facility is jointly managed by seven agencies: the NRC, Northern Telecom Electronics, Bell Northern Research, the Department of Communications Research Centre, Carleton University and Queen's University.

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[English]

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, I am sure you would agree with me that what I want to do this morning is rather rare: I want to commend four members of the Conservative party who sit opposite us for the courage of their convictions and for being so outspoken on behalf of their constituents.

The first award of excellence comes from what is headlined in the *Edmonton Journal*:

Wilson must go, Kindy says

Dump GST too, Tory says

I commend that member of Parliament for the courage of his convictions.

The second award, according to the *Toronto Star*, goes to David Kilgour who will vote against the GST. Congratulations to the other member from the Conservative party in Alberta.

The third award, according to the *Toronto Star*, goes to Willie Littlechild who stated that he will vote according to the wishes of his constituents. Congratulations to that Member of Parliament.

The fourth award goes to another Albertan. According to the *Toronto Star*, Louise Feltham stated that she will abstain or stay away from the Commons when we vote on the bill.

Let us congratulate those four Conservative members of Parliament for the courage of their convictions, and encourage the other Conservatives who are now revolting against this tax quietly in the back-benches to speak up and vote against that tax here in the House of Commons.

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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough—Agincourt): Mr. Speaker, the opposition to this government's ill-conceived goods and services tax grows by leaps and bounds even as we speak.

The telephone hotline set up by the Liberal party has garnered such a large response that a second line has been added, and the project extended until Sunday, March 18, at 11 p.m. central time. Tens of thousands of Canadians have made their opposition to this tax known,