

should not be weakened but be strengthened. They call upon this government to replace oats under the Canadian Wheat Board and to give oats and barley the same protection that wheat has under the Canadian Wheat Board Act.

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to stand before this House today. Pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have before me quite a number of petitions signed, and for the sake of saving time, I shall not present them one at a time. I will present them as a lot.

There are some 3,305 signatures from the residents of my riding of Timmins—Chapleau who are absolutely appalled at the government's proposal for this goods and services tax. They are asking that the government reconsider this goods and services tax and abolish it; to go back to the drawing board and start again, not lower it, as was proposed by the government, but to scrap it and start over again. The message from the constituents of Timmins—Chapleau is very clear. They are saying, "Ebenezer Wilson, it is not too late, change the tax".

[Translation]

OPPOSITION TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF TASK FORCE ON TAX BENEFITS FOR NORTHERN AND ISOLATED AREAS

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am today tabling three petitions which reject the recommendations of the Task Force on Tax Benefits for Northern and Isolated Areas. The signers, from the isolated community of Lebel-sur-Quévillon in Abitibi, are concerned about the recommendations of this as yet unfinished report.

Mr. Speaker, the final report of this task force makes no mention of the Cree-Naskapi James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement and the final report on regional disparities of isolated posts made by the Government of Quebec in October 1989.

[English]

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Ms. Beth Phinney (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, today I have the privilege and duty to present petitions signed by over 11,000 residents of Hamilton Mountain

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adding to the total of more than 20,000 from Hamilton Mountain that we have already presented.

These petitioners have spoken out overwhelmingly against the proposed goods and services tax. They believe that the tax is unfair, that it places an unnecessary additional burden on low and middle-income Canadians. These petitioners humbly pray and call upon this House to reject the goods and services tax proposal.

CFB LONDON

Mr. Joe Fontana (London East): Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the First Royal Canadian Regiment celebrates its one hundred and sixth regimental birthday. CFB London has been the home of the first RCR for 106 years. It has been an integral part of not only this country but our municipality for 106 years.

The petition is from some 5,000 people from all ridings in London. This is in addition to the 7,000 who have already petitioned this government to change its mind with respect to moving one RCR and closing CFB London. The costs have moved from \$30 million to \$110 million to essentially move those troops and I suggest that the government rescind its action.

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VIA RAIL

Mr. Joe Fontana (London East): Mr. Speaker, I have a second petition with some 5,000 names from people throughout southwestern Ontario, in addition to the 10,000 I previously submitted from London and southwestern Ontario, calling on the government to rescind its actions with respect to the cutbacks on VIA Rail which will be initiated and instituted on January 15, 1990.

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present 93 petitions containing the names of 2,675 residents of Stormont—Dundas who oppose the Conservative government's goods and services tax.

They believe that the GST is totally unacceptable as it would cause serious and unfair hardship for low and middle-income Canadians and create an onerous burden for small businesses in Canada.

The petitioners therefore call upon this House to reject this tax.