

*Routine Proceedings*

## VIA RAIL

**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Saskatoon—Humboldt):** Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty on behalf of citizens of Saskatoon to present a number of petitions, all dealing with the goods and services tax.

These people feel that the government has not addressed the unfair taxation system currently in place. They call upon the government to reject the goods and services tax and to bring forward a tax system which is fair to all Canadians.

**Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a number of petitions signed by constituents of my own riding, including people from Riverside, Newton, Guilford, Whalley, Port Mann, Bridgeview, Green Timbers, Port Kells, Johnston Heights, and Fraser Heights. They are all asking the government to abandon its proposal for the goods and services tax and to bring in fair and equitable taxation.

I also would like to inform the House that I have a large number of other petitions which were done spontaneously by citizens in the ridings, both small businesses and seniors, but unfortunately they were not in a form that could be certified by the House.

**Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 it is my duty and privilege to table 68 petitions which have been certified correct as to form and content.

The 1,443 signatories from Thunder Bay, Nipigon, Kakabeka Falls, Dorion, Hurkett, Red Rock, and other areas in the region I represent strongly oppose this government's proposed goods and service tax.

These constituents call upon Parliament to reject in full the misguided, regressive, nonsensical consumer tax that the government proposes to implement on January 1, 1991.

**Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan):** Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present this petition for people living in my district of Cardigan, P.E.I. who strongly oppose this tax.

They believe it will hit Canadians with higher taxes, higher inflation, higher interest rates, and higher unemployment, wherefore the undersigned petitioners call upon Parliament to reject this goods and services tax.

**Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan):** Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions signed by residents of the various communities in my riding calling upon the government to live up to its promises to keep VIA Rail as a transportation system in Canada and urging it to restore the system to its fullest.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 211, 212, 219 and 223.

[Text]

**SHELTERS FOR BATTERED WOMEN**

**Question No. 211—Ms. Black:**

Were shelters for battered women funded by the Homes for Special Care section of the Canada Assistance Plan and, if so (a) for each province and territory, what number (b) what amount of money did the government contribute to this type of home?

**Hon. Henry Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Yes. (a) and (b)—See attached chart.

PROVINCE	(a) TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMES	(b) AMOUNT (\$000'S)
Newfoundland	3	300
Prince Edward Island	1	100
Nova Scotia	8	800
New Brunswick	7	700
Quebec *	N/A	N/A
Ontario	56	5,400
Manitoba	5	600
Saskatchewan	9	900
Alberta	15	2,300
British Columbia	47	2,800
Northwest Territories	4	300
Yukon	1	200
TOTAL	156	14,400

\* Quebec does not administer a needs test to residents of transition homes. Therefore, Canada Assistance Plan cannot share in any costs related to such facilities.