

Routine Proceedings

Association québécoise pour la défense des droits des retraité(e)s et des pré-retraité(e)s of Saint-Michel, who, on behalf of its members, is calling on the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to withdraw the GST which is so unfair to low-income people.

ARMENIAN RIGHTS IN AZERBAIJAN

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau—Saint-Michel): Madam Speaker, I would also like to table other petitions sent to me by the Conseil des droits arméniens du Canada.

These are signed by residents of the Montreal area, specially from my constituency as well as from the ridings of my colleagues of Saint-Denis and Saint-Laurent. They are asking the government of Canada to call upon the Soviet authorities and firmly ask them to recognize the rights of the Armenian people in Azerbaijan.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard): Madam Speaker, I have the honour and the pleasure to table this afternoon 24 petitions signed by 1,650 people, who are opposed to the goods and services tax, which they submit is a regressive tax which will cost several thousand jobs to Canada.

Also, Madam Speaker, with your permission, I would like to table 20 more petitions signed by 1,099 residents from my constituency and the Montreal area. These people oppose the new goods and services tax because it will cause severe and unfair hardship to low and middle-income Canadians.

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the privilege to table petitions signed by hundreds of Canadians who object to the federal government's plan to impose a new tax on goods and services which will be unfair to my constituents and all Canadians.

[*English*]

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Madam Speaker, I have a number of petitions to present today.

One is from constituents of my riding of Comox—Alberni expressing their opposition to the goods and services tax, calling on Parliament to reject the current

proposal for a GST and asking Parliament to consider a fair system of taxation rather than the GST.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Madam Speaker, I also have a petition from many of my constituents criticizing the government for cutting back on its funding for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. These constituents call upon the Government of Canada to increase support for the CBC so that those areas of the country that rely on CBC will be able to have continued quality service from that organization.

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SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): I also have a petition opposing the clawback of family allowances and old age pensions. The petitioners also ask the government to change its policy on the clawback.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): I have another petition certified under Standing Order 36 from a number of my constituents who are asking the government to do a full assessment of the ecological significance of the Carmanah Valley.

With respect to Michel Gratton, I believe that Environment Canada should do a survey of the old growth forests of the whole of the west coast of Vancouver Island, not simply of one valley so that we can examine areas which might be logged, areas which might be set aside in order to optimize logging, raw material supply and the preservation of old growth forests.

[*Translation*]

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to table some petitions from my riding and neighbouring ridings: Saint-Hubert, Pierrefonds, Pincourt, Kirkland, Beaconsfield, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Laval, Delson, Saint-Eustache, Deux-Montagnes, Montreal East and Montreal.

The petitioners ask the federal government to reject the proposed goods and services tax.