

FOREST RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I have petition on a totally different topic having to do with the legislation before the House today dealing with the forest industry.

These petitioners are from British Columbia. They are concerned that the government seems to be dragging its feet on signing the federal-provincial forest resource development agreement.

Mr. Oberle: You're dragging your feet about this tax.

Mr. Riis: The minister now is dragging something else.

The petitioners are pointing out that they need to receive a signal from this government that it will continue to take the forest industry seriously.

The fact that it has been dragging its feet and is not prepared to make any commitment has encouraged them to sign this petition asking it to smarten up, basically.

REVISION OF EXTRADITION LAWS

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege of presenting petitions to the House today, certified by the clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 36. Despite the statements made here today, we have had 72,431 such petitions certified without difficulty through the help of the Speaker's office.

Today's petition contains 7,135 signatures. It calls on the Government of Canada to revise the extradition laws which would allow the Minister of Justice to order the extradition of fugitives, either immediately or after they have been dealt with fully by the Canadian penal system, not having to wait until they have served all of their sentences.

I am pleased to present these petitions, most of which came from Ontario, and this brings the grand total to 72,431 petitions.

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by a number of people in the Windsor area. They ask the government to rescind its 9 per cent sales tax and to come forth with a policy that is fair to all Canadians. They petition this House to be heard and humbly pray that the government is listening to this petition.

Routine Proceedings

I have another petition, which I will present at the same time with your permission, Mr. Speaker. This petition is also from the Windsor area. The petitioners ask the government to rescind its 9 per cent sales tax and to bring forth a fair system for all Canadians, and they feel that the government is being unfair to the middle and lower income people of this country.

The petitioners ask the government to look again at its whole tax system and to bring forth a fair system for Canadians, and indeed, to rescind this 9 per cent sales tax which they look upon as the ruination of the economy of Canada and of the middle and low income people of this country.

Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's): Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition on behalf of a number of Canadians. I think this moment is particularly significant as I believe these people and I, who of course have signed the petition, are going to be some of the signatories of one of the largest petitions in Canadian history ever to come before this Chamber when the throngs of petitioners now out there in the shopping malls get a chance to sign their names to voice their opinions on this particular issue.

The prayer of the petitioners is that Parliament reject the proposed goods and services tax. I hope Parliament will hear that prayer.

Hon. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I present a certified petition to the House of Commons on behalf of those residents of Canada who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a common grievance to this House.

These Canadians strongly oppose the new goods and services tax that is an unprecedented tax, a tax grab from the pockets of Canadians, which will hit them not only with higher taxes but with higher inflation, higher interest rates and higher unemployment.

Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to rise on behalf of the good residents of the riding of Timmins—Chapleau. I have a petition, duly certified, dated May 3 of this year—not the summer but May—from the good residents of Timmins—Chapleau opposing the goods and services tax which has been put forward by this government.

The petitioners humbly pray that the government will review the goods and services tax to ensure that there is no taxation on goods and services such as loans, the arts and other non-luxury items among other things. It is my pleasure to present this petition.