

*Routine Proceedings*

The interim report of the royal commission on the future of the Toronto waterfront recommended the Rouge Valley be saved, as did the mayor of Scarborough and thousands of people in the Rouge Valley system organization.

I am very pleased to present this petition which calls on the Government of Ontario to have the Rouge Valley established as a park.

VIA RAIL

**Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina):** Madam Speaker, it is my honour and duty, in accordance with Standing Order 36, to present a petition from residents of Winnipeg, Dugal, Quebec, St. Foy, North Vancouver, Canoe Bay, Roblin, Saskatchewan, Saskatoon East, Thunder Bay and Barrie who are concerned that the government ought not to cut the VIA Rail service which is so important, particularly to the smaller cities and towns of Canada.

Therefore, they ask the Parliament of Canada to maintain VIA Rail with Canada's present national network, to upgrade VIA Rail with new equipment, and to have a passenger train act giving VIA Rail a firm, legislative mandate.

Finally they ask Parliament for revised costing arrangements with the railway companies.

LOW LEVEL FLIGHTS

**Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina):** Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to present a petition from the residents of North York, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Middleton, Nova Scotia, Dollard, Quebec and Downsview who are concerned for the government's present action against the people of Natashquan in Labrador and eastern Quebec.

They ask that the Parliament join with the Assembly of First Nations, the Innu of Labrador and other aboriginal peoples of northern Canada in opposing the use of their lands for NATO-NORAD attack training.

They demand that the Canadian government end all NATO-NORAD low level flight training in Canada and oppose establishment of NATO operations in Canada, including the proposed tactical fighter and weapons training centre at Goose Bay, Labrador, and that Parliament should redirect Canada's NATO-NORAD funding toward enabling Canada's aboriginal peoples to regain

control of their lands and their livelihood and promoting sustainable development for all Canadians.

[*Translation*]

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**M. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard):** Madam Speaker, I too have a petition signed by Ottawa area residents who are against this regressive tax on goods and services which will spell the end of thousands of jobs in the small and medium-sized business sector and which will boost inflation.

Your petitioners are urging us Liberals to resort to every means at our disposal to defeat this measure so that the tax will never be implemented.

[*English*]

**Mr. Joe Fontana (London East):** Madam Speaker, for over 10 days this government has denied the people of Canada the democratic right to have their petitions presented to their representatives in the House of Commons.

It is indeed a pleasure and privilege this morning to rise and present, on behalf of hundreds of people from southwestern Ontario, a petition asking this government to rescind its proposed bill respecting the goods and services tax which will be devastating not only to small business but to seniors, to students and to people in lower and middle income groups.

They want this government to listen to their petitions, to listen to their voices and to scrap this tax once and for all, at any rate.

**Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour and duty, under Standing Order 36, to present to this House a petition certified correct by the clerk of petitions. It contains the signatures of Canadians who reside not just in my riding of Hamilton West but, as members of the ridings of Hamilton—Wentworth and Burlington might take note, Canadians who reside in the communities of Dundas, Greensville and in particular Burlington.

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

They humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax.