

Routine Proceedings

the University of Lethbridge and from the Association of Professional Educators.

This group of people sent me a petition that clearly states that the petitioners urge the government to honour its commitments to child care and to provide a comprehensive, quality, accessible and affordable child care program for Canada.

The fact that these people are early childhood educators and understand first hand and close up the need for that kind of child care speaks volumes. I also have a petition from farm women on child care. These are women who live in my riding of Mission—Coquitlam in the rural areas of the riding of Pitt Meadows, Abbotsford, Maple Ridge, Mission and the surrounding areas who believe and feel very strongly that for rural women to be able to play the kind of role that is needed in the farming communities and on their farms, there is a desperate need for accessibility to child care.

THE PRESERVATION OF THE CARMANAH VALLEY

Mr. John Brewin (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House nearly 10,000 names of petitioners on an issue of great importance to Canadians from coast to coast but of particular importance to those of us on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

The petition relates to the Carmanah Valley and the earnest desire of the petitioners to do what must be done to preserve that valley. In particular, the petitioners ask for a full assessment of the ecological significance of the Carmanah Valley, including the merits and value of the Carmanah as a tourist attraction with extended trails to and from the west coast trail.

The petitioners ask, pending the results of that study, that the federal government enter into negotiation with the provincial government to protect and preserve the valley as an extension of the Pacific Rim National Park.

The petitioners, as I indicated, come from not only Victoria and Vancouver Island but from right across Canada. I notice a few names sneaked in here from Australia. There were a number of petitions from the United States which were not accepted but it does indicate the broad interest and concern in this issue.

I should just say in closing that the Western Canada Wilderness Committee and AWARE are to be congratulated for the effort they put into collecting these petitions and forwarding them to the House.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition today from some 35 Canadians who have joined the hundreds and hundreds of thousands of Canadians who object to this government's imposition of the goods and services tax.

Like the hundreds of thousands of others, they recognize that the tax is unfair and unreasonable and call upon Parliament to reject the goods and services tax.

• (1240)

Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to present this petition under Standing Order 36. The petition is against the goods and services tax.

[Translation]

—federal government's proposed consumer tax, something Canada has never seen before, as a result of which Canadians' incomes will be consumed like a candle burning at both ends: at one end will be the usual income tax, and at the other, this consumer tax, and a two-tier tax at that, Mr. Speaker at the provincial level, in many provinces, and at the federal level.

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Hon. Mary Collins (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today, No. 184 and No. 185.

[Text]

ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ATLANTIC ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Question No. 184—**Mr. MacDonald (Dartmouth):**

Does the government provide assistance to individuals and organizations under the Atlantic Enterprise Program and, if so, by province and fiscal year (a) what number of projects was approved (b) what is the (i) name (ii) location of the individual or organization (c) what were the project costs (d) what jobs were (i) created (ii) maintained (e) what was the approved amount of assistance (f) what was the purpose of the assistance?