

Whereas such a tax will constitute the worst ever grab on the already low income of Canadians, not only because of higher taxes but also because of the higher cost of living due to the higher inflation, interest rates and unemployment brought about by this new tax.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax and in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Don't worry, I will not read it all, but I will read a few names of the good people from St-Polycarpe.

*(Names of signatories read)*

**Hon. Michel Cogger:** Honourable senators, can you tell me why it is you have reverted to this tedious and time-consuming process of reading names and addresses? Yesterday at least it seemed just as boring to use a procedure more in line with our rules. Yet, it was more cursory.

**Senator Hébert:** In any case, you just said that that process was as tedious. If that is the case, I do not see what you are complaining about?

**Senator Cogger:** It was also tedious but at least we always had new players speaking then.

**Senator Hébert:** I will hand over to someone else in a few minutes.

**Hon. Philippe Deane Gigantès:** Honourable senators, if you prefer the sound of my voice to his, I am prepared to take over right now.

**Senator Hébert:** I will not be long, I will leave you the floor in a few minutes. It all depends if I am inspired or not, senator.

*(Names of signatories read)*

Well, it seems as if all of Trémollière Street is opposed to the TPS.

**Senator Cogger:** Are you sure the whole street is against it?

**Senator Hébert:** That is a tiny street, you see. You know that street of course since you have been to St-Polycarpe, I am sure.

**Senator Cogger:** What about you? Did you ever go there?

**Senator Hébert:** Of course.

*(Names of signatories read)*

In other words, each and every member of the Poirier family opposes the TPS, including the children who could not add their name, unfortunately, because it would have been illegal.

*(Names of signatories read)*

I will read another petition and then, to accommodate Senator Cogger, I will ask someone else to take over. We have tens of thousands of them anyhow.

So, honourable senators, I have the honour to present another petition signed by citizens of L'Avenir, Quebec.

*(Names of signatories read)*

● (1620)

I still have tens of thousands of them left, but maybe a senator from another region—

*[English]*

Perhaps someone from another region—for example, my friend in front of me—would read further petitions.

**Hon. Richard J. Stanbury:** Honourable senators, I have a group of petitions from Ontario. It is my honour to present them today. They are worded in a way which indicates the petitioners are greatly annoyed and unhappy about the GST and are asking us to do our best to see that it does not pass. The first group of signatories are from the Ottawa area. There are nearly 250 signatories in the one group of petitions and nearly all of them are from the Ottawa area—that is, from Ottawa, Kanata, Nepean and Aylmer. I have a group of 25 signatories on this particular page.

*(Names of signatories read)*

● (1630)

I am assuming that members opposite will recognize some of these names as people who have supported the Conservative Party in the past but who are making it very clear that they are now opposed to what the Conservative Party is doing in trying to ram the GST down our throats.

*(Names of signatories read)*

Here is the name of a Ray Hnatyshyn.

**Senator Haidasz:** Is it Ramon?

**Senator Stanbury:** It just says "Ray Hnatyshyn." Is that not marvellous? It's a dandy!

**Senator Fairbairn:** That is a heart-stopper. We must report it to the Prime Minister.

**Senator Stanbury:** I cannot guarantee which Ray Hnatyshyn it is.

**Senator Fairbairn:** I would like a Xerox copy of that petition.

**Senator Stanbury:** We should Xerox it and then start sending him Liberal policy material.

The next petition I wish to read has 25 names on it. The people who have signed the petition are mainly from the Ottawa, Kanata and Nepean areas.

*(Names of signatories read)*

I have here another petition containing 25 signatures from the Ottawa area.

*(Names of signatories read)*

I have another petition containing 25 names from people who are generally from the Ottawa area. The Ottawa people seem to be particularly interested in this piece of legislation and seem to have signed unanimously. It is important that honourable senators opposite hear their names, because they may be people they know. In this way, senators opposite can understand how important it is to hear their point of view.

**Senator Frith:** For them to go to all that trouble.

**Senator Stanbury:** They have gone to a great deal of trouble. It is up to us to recognize the trouble to which they have gone in making themselves heard, and to give them an