

Routine Proceedings

[Translation]

CANADA POST CORPORATION

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Madam Speaker, it is my duty to present four petitions signed by citizens of my riding of Ottawa—Vanier who condemn the decision by Canada Post Corporation to close the franchise at 580 Rideau Street.

The petitioners maintain that this will inconvenience all customers in the area, especially all the retired people who live nearby and will be deprived of an essential service that they need.

For these reasons, the undersigned ask Parliament to call on Canada Post to review the decision to close station 23.

[English]

UKRAINIAN CANADIANS

Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition signed by many residents of the city of Edmonton, many of whom are descendants of original Ukrainian settlers. They wish to bring to the attention of the House—and I quote from the petition—“That during the First World War and after Ukrainian Canadians were unjustly interned in concentration camps, deprived of property and valuables, deprived of liberty of movement, and deprived of the right to vote.” Therefore, these petitioners pray that the Parliament of Canada will pass a resolution acknowledging these injustices. That is all they ask, surely it is not too much.

[Translation]

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Douglas Young (Acadie—Bathurst): Madam Speaker, I have the honour today to present a petition from people who still oppose the Goods and Services Tax. These residents of Pont-Lafrance, Sheila and Pont-Landry in the Tracadie region still bear the unacceptable burdens imposed by the Goods and Services Tax.

[English]

CANADA POST

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present further petitions in addition to the thousands already tabled.

The petitioners are calling upon Parliament to ask Canada Post to honour Marie Skłodowska Curie by issuing a commemorative stamp on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of her birth, November 27, 1992, which I might add is also the 125th anniversary of Canada's birthday.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today and present quite a number of petitions from many parts of British Columbia. They come from communities such as Burnaby, Hundred Mile House, Surrey, Vancouver, Langley, Coquitlam, Pit Meadows, Vernon, Kelowna, Prince George and a number of other locations.

These petitions, which total about 1,040 names, ask the Minister of Communications and this government to oppose UNITEL's bid to compete with Canada's telephone companies in long distance telephone services.

They urge the Minister of Communications to consult with all affected parties, specifically those citizens living outside Canada's main urban centres, who will be impacted very severely by this form of deregulation.

Lastly, they urge the minister to hold local hearings in our communities before deciding the fate of Canada's telecommunications system.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. Ross Reid (St. John's East): Madam Speaker, it is my honour and privilege today to present to the House a petition signed by thousands of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, which asks Parliament to do what it can to ensure that the many hundreds of Bulgarians who have come to Newfoundland and Labrador are not sent back to the uncertain state of that country and sure persecution. It asks that they be allowed the opportunity to build a life in Canada, not only for themselves and their families, but also for other Canadians.