

Business of the House

The petitioners point out that the Prime Minister and the Conservative Party promised during the election campaign to maintain and protect the Canadian Wheat Board, and they call upon Parliament to instruct the government not to remove oats from the marketing jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board and to place oats and barley under the Canadian Wheat Board Act so that in the future, farmers and their organizations must be consulted before changes are made in the marketing of these products.

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, like Canadians across Canada, my constituents in Kingston and the Islands are appalled by the proposal of the government to introduce a goods and services tax and hundreds of them have signed a petition that I am tabling today, pursuant to Standing Order 36, expressing their opposition to this tax and calling on Parliament to reject the goods and services tax.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of, I suspect, the constituents of the Conservative whip. They are definitely residents of Calgary, Alberta who express their opposition to the proposed goods and services tax and they call upon the government to come up with a fair taxation system rather than the proposal that is before the House now.

VIA RAIL

Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 36, signed by a number of residents of Surrey North. In fact, there are seven pages of signatures. They are saying that they object to the government's reduction in support for VIA Rail and call upon the government to continue this vital service.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, question No. 141 will be answered today. I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SOCIAL INSURANCE

Question No. 141—**Mr. Kaplan:**

Are there strong sanctions in place to prevent any unauthorized use of Social Insurance Numbers and, if so, what are they?

Hon. Barbara Jean McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration): The U.I. Act provides for sanctions against a person who knowingly makes an application to be assigned a second Social Insurance Number (SIN) when he/she already has one, or to a person who, with intent to defraud or deceive any person, uses another person's SIN, or who, without the authority of the Commission, manufactures or duplicates a SIN card other than a photocopy for record purposes. A person who contravenes any of the above provisions is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine up to \$1,000.00 or to imprisonment for up to one year or to both. (Ref. Sec. 110 of the U.I. Act.)

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary has been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, there have been consultations among the three parties. Members will know that at 4.45 p.m. today, the bells will ring for a vote at five o'clock. The standing orders also require some deferred votes to take place at six o'clock, with a bell to ring at six o'clock.

From the nature of those discussions, I think you will find unanimous consent in the House to hold, first of all, the scheduled vote at five o'clock but immediately thereafter the votes on Bill C-16, and in case an hour is required for private members' hour, we would all be agreed to start the private members' hour after the votes and for it to go on for the normal one hour if it is so required.

If you were to seek unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker, I think you would have it for that reality.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it so agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.