

Routine Proceedings

They ask the House to reject this bill when it comes back before the House again.

I also have another set of petitions on behalf of people who are opposed to the GST.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre): Madam Speaker, I have a double entry in today's petition lottery.

The first petition has over 700 signatures primarily of residents and citizens of the city of Winnipeg protesting the major cut-backs in veterans' benefits that the government took in the last budget. They are asking for restoration of the full range of those benefits in view of the great service veterans provided to this country.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre): Madam Speaker, the second set of petitions has over 1,700 names registered by people in the city of Winnipeg concerning the goods and services tax and asking the government once again to reconsider its very serious decision to impose this tax upon consumers.

ABORTION

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I have petitions today from 2,240 Canadians from Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and from my own province of British Columbia.

The petitioners state that, since the choice to bear children or not to bear children is a matter of personal choice and not a matter of criminal law, since the Canadian Medical Association already has guidelines and regulations in place concerning abortion and that criminal sanctions do nothing to address the reasons why women seek abortions and do nothing to reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies, they call upon this government not to proclaim Bill C-43.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Saskatoon—Humboldt): Madam Speaker, it is my honour and duty on behalf of a number of citizens of Ontario, Kapuskasing, Moonbeam and Toronto, to present petitions which call upon the government to reject the current proposed goods and services tax which shifts the tax burden to ordinary Canadians

and put in place tax reform which would be much more fairer to all Canadians.

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to table yet another petition signed by residents of the province of Newfoundland who object to the government's goods and service tax.

These petitions were gathered at the behest of my distinguished colleague, the member for Bonavista—Trinity—Conception, who brought this petition to Ottawa to present on behalf of these persons who are opposed to this tax. They are also opposed to the 31 previous tax increases imposed on them by this spend-thrift government, and they are opposed to the continuation of the proposal to impose this tax and call upon Parliament to reject it.

Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to again present several hundred names collected in my riding and elsewhere from citizens opposed to the goods and services tax. I recognize by the addresses that probably 90 per cent of the signatures on this petition are seniors who are concerned that their already limited income will be even further diminished by the imposition of this tax. The petitioners remind the House that the Liberals on behalf of Canadians strongly oppose this new goods and services tax and they pray that Parliament does not adopt it.

Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): Madam Speaker, I too rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present on behalf of my colleague, the hon. member for Bonavista—Trinity—Conception, a petition from the people of Newfoundland.

They call upon this government to reject the proposed goods and services tax as it is an unfair tax burden on the people of Newfoundland as well as people elsewhere in Canada.

VIA RAIL

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Madam Speaker, I have two petitions to present today. One is from a number of employees of CN, as well as CP Rail in Kamloops, who are concerned about the government's cut-backs to VIA Rail services.

They simply cannot believe that the government of the second largest country in the world, geographically, would not have a decent passenger rail system which is environmentally friendly. They are asking the govern-