

*Routine Proceedings*

I therefore submit this bill in the hope that the House, in its wisdom and concern for justice, see fit to repeal an unjust and unjustifiable provision of the Canada Post Corporation Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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### PETITIONS

#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a large number of petitions that I had hoped to present today but, in view of the fact that speeches with regard to a special motion will be taking place fairly soon, I wish to lay upon the table three petitions pursuant to Standing Order 36.

They are signed by residents from the province of Nova Scotia, namely, the city of Halifax and surrounding areas. These residents petition the Government of Canada in their opposition to the goods and services tax, in particular as that tax applies to books, magazines and newspapers. All petitioners on these three petitions call upon the Government of Canada to withdraw the goods and services tax as it is an impediment to small business as well as to Canadian consumers.

• (1110)

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 on behalf of a number of residents of the great city of Kamloops. These petitioners point out their opposition to the government's goods and services tax, particularly pointing out that it is a very regressive tax in that it imposes the same tax on rich and poor alike. They also point out the fact that on a number of occasions the Liberal senators actually had opportunities to defeat the GST, but chose not to.

**Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I have a whole pile of petitions signed by residents in my riding of Ottawa Centre in opposition to the GST on everything, including in particular books and magazines.

I also have other petitions signed by residents of Oshawa, Don Mills, Scarborough, Mississauga, and Toronto, as well as from all over Ontario. All these people oppose the goods and services tax. They call upon the

government to abolish this tax, to withdraw this terrible legislation as it relates to books and magazines.

#### VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present to the House of Commons concerning violence against women and recognizing it as a serious Canadian societal problem.

The undersigned petitioners wish to have the House acknowledge their request that each year on December 6 there be an annual national day of remembrance in honour of the 14 women murdered in Montreal on December 6, 1989.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk):** Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present some 20 petitions signed by hundreds of Canadians at the Norfolk County Fair and the Caledonia Fair in my riding of Haldimand—Norfolk. The petitioners call upon the government to get rid of the goods and services tax.

These petitions are just a few of the millions of signatures of Canadians from all across the country and call upon the government to get rid of the goods and services tax.

#### FISHERIES

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I rise again today on a matter that is a multicultural issue as well as an economic issue that affects in particular the Chinese community in British Columbia and perhaps other parts of Canada as well.

It concerns the dwindling stocks of live rock codfish which is a commodity of high cultural and economic value to Asian Canadians. It also serves many tourists and is a staple fresh food that is always in demand by families in restaurants.

People are very concerned that the sports fishery is overfishing this type of fish in that there is a very limited season for the Chinese community. They ask that the federal government change its policies and overcome the negligence toward the live rock cod fishery so that it will be available on a year-round basis to some 200,000 Canadians of Chinese descent who live throughout the lower mainland. They want to ensure that a year-round supply of live rock cod is available.