

*Routine Proceedings**[Translation]***ELECTIONS, PRIVILEGES, PROCEDURES AND PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

CONCURRENCE IN TENTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I move:

That the Tenth Report of the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges, Procedure and Private Members' Business, tabled in the House on Monday, February 12 of this year, be concurred in.

Mr. Speaker, the sole purpose of this report is to change the name of the committee whose lengths name I just read to: Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections. I believe all parties support the motion, and I hope the new name will make things easier for the new Chief Electoral Officer.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member have the unanimous consent of the House to move this motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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*[English]***PETITIONS**

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege, the responsibility and the honour to present petitions to the House of Commons from the residents of Hamner, Capreol, Lively, Naughton, Chelmsford, Onniping, Cartier, River Valley, Skead, Sudbury, Azilda, Val Caron, Coniston, and Levack, all in the province of Ontario, and also from Cranbrook, British Columbia and the following places in Nova Scotia, Greenfield, Bridgewater, Lunenburg, Annapolis Bay, Chester Basin, Halifax, Shelburne, Mahone Bay, Dartmouth, Blockhouse, Windsor, Liverpool, Sackville, Caledonia, Lockeport, New Germany, Bedford, Barrington, Digby, Port Mouton, Brooklyn and Dayspring, Nova Scotia. And, in New Brunswick, Chatham and Oromocto.

All of these petitioners point out that the government's proposed goods and services tax does not respect the consumers' and the taxpayers' ability to pay and that it is a regressive tax. They further point out that it is an unfair tax because there are very many wealthy Canadians and corporations who pay very little or no tax at all. They also point out in their petition that the tax is moving into areas that were not taxed before, such as haircuts, reading matter, diapers, coffins and home heating fuel. They have called upon Parliament to reject the current proposal and, secondly, that Parliament ought to undertake a study of the tax system to make it fairer. They call upon Parliament to reject with the proposal and not proceed with the goods and services tax.

VIA RAIL

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present a petition on the cancellation of VIA Rail. Even though this Parliament has cancelled it over the objections of the members on the opposition side of the House.

These petitioners deplore the cancellation of VIA Rail in Canada. They feel the people of Canada deserve a high quality passenger rail service including modernized equipment.

These petitioners humbly call upon Parliament to reconsider and allow the reinstatement of rail traffic in Canada.

GOODS AND SERVICE TAX

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, I would also like to present a second petition on the goods and services tax.

Petitioners have continued to sign petitions with regard to the possible imposition of this tax. These are from people in my riding of Nepean who are very much opposed to this imposition. Lowering the percentage rate has not appeased these constituents. They continue to oppose the tax that will increase inflation, higher interest rates and higher unemployment. They implore the Parliament of Canada to not impose this unfair tax.

CHILD CARE

Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I rise today under Standing Order 36, to present petitions from people across the country who work full-time in the area of child care, certainly in the training area, from