

and regulate the fishing stocks so vital to the Atlantic area.

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from over 250 constituents in Ottawa West and friends and colleagues whom they have also contacted. Most of these signatures were gathered at a public meeting in Ottawa West to oppose the goods and services tax. People are objecting to the impact on bowlers, students, music teachers, on reading and numerous other factors and ask the House to reject the goods and services tax.

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour today to present to this House three petitions, each of them dealing with the proposed goods and services tax. Of course, it will come as no surprise to anyone in this House that the petitioners are opposed to the proposed goods and services tax. They call upon Parliament to categorically and unequivocally reject any legislation which is brought forward for the purpose of implementing this gouge and scrape tax.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 36. I have a petition certified by the Clerk from residents of Bonavista, Fortune, Catalina, Little Catalina, Elliston, Newman's Cove, Amherst Cove, and Birchy Cove, all areas very close to my home town.

The 39 signatures on this petition represent a group of people who are very concerned with the government's proposal to withdraw its \$2.9 billion contribution to the unemployment insurance fund, and in particular the transfer of the \$8 million into training. While they are aware of what the government is attempting to do, and that it may well have application in larger areas of the country, it is nevertheless taking money essentially out of their pockets because they will not be able to receive the benefits of this money.

They humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these cuts and try to come up with a better policy.

Routine Proceedings

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions I would like to present today from my beautiful riding of Nepean. Pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present yet another petition with no less than 600 signatures on it from people of my riding. They are very concerned over the possible imposition of the goods and services tax. These are people from all over Nepean who are part of our adult population, or from our business community. In fact, they are from all walks of life in the city.

These petitioners believe the implementation of the GST will cause serious and unfair hardship, place an onerous burden on business and is inflationary. These petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject the GST.

OLD AGE SECURITY

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): The second petition, Mr. Speaker, is from 134 petitioners in my riding and it is with regard to the old age security cut-backs in the federal budget. Whereas the senior citizens earning over \$50,000 will have their old age pension taxed back, as a result, in 20 years a clawback of OAS will start at \$28,000 and affect two million Canadians.

Therefore, the undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to abolish the clawback of old age security and reaffirm its commitment to universality.

VIA RAIL

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, as the son of a former employee of the railroad who came to this country 40 years ago to help build the railroad, I take great pleasure in presenting to this House several petitions calling on the Government of Canada to come to its senses and not cancel passenger rail service in Canada.

The petitioners totally approximately 200.

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Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table a petition signed by several constituents in the riding of Kingston and the