

proper labelling of prepared foods as well as the availability in restaurants of lists of ingredients of foods that are prepared to be served there.

CANADA POST

Ms. Catherine Callbeck (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to rise under Standing Order 36 to present a petition signed by citizens of Freetown, Prince Edward Island. They are concerned about the future of their rural post office.

The petition states that Canada Post Corporation has a mandate to improve services to Canadians. Whereas Canada Post has made \$149 million in profit in the year 1989 to 1990, and whereas 180 families are served by the Freetown post office, and whereas the post office is the only federal institution in our community, the petitioners ask Parliament to instruct Canada Post to maintain and improve the post office in their community.

LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS

Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions to present today, one of which is signed by a large number of people from Saskatchewan communities like Laird, Waldheim, Saskatoon and Regina. It is also signed by people from Courtenay, Comox, Abbotsford and Vancouver, British Columbia, as well as Winnipeg and many other places in Canada.

The petitioners call on Parliament to support the Assembly of First Nations, the Inuit of Labrador's call for an end to low-level flight training in Canada. They are asking Canada to redirect its NATO-NORAD funding towards enabling Canada's aboriginal people to regain control of their lands and livelihood as well as promoting sustainable development for all Canadians.

NORTHERN TAX BENEFITS

Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River): The second petition I have is signed by the residents from La Ronge and Pine House in the northern part of my own constituency.

The petitioners call on Parliament to reinstate the northern tax benefit. It is vitally needed to compensate people in northern communities for the very high cost of living, which will be made even higher by the imposition of the goods and services tax.

Routine Proceedings

FOODS AND DRUGS

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey—White Rock): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition signed by people of the lower mainland of B.C. on behalf of those people in our society who are suffering from life-threatening allergies.

They ask Parliament to introduce legislation that would empower or require food manufacturers and packagers to label their products in such a way that those suffering from life-threatening allergies would be forewarned and prevent sickness or possible death.

[*Translation*]

HERITAGE LANGUAGE TRAINING

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to table a petition from residents of south-shore cities located in the ridings of members of this government. The petitioners, considering that thousands of students and teachers in heritage language schools depend on government support and that the heritage language training program is the best way to foster national harmony and to provide language abilities and communication, ask me to humbly pray the government to maintain the heritage language training programs.

[*English*]

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Mr. Speaker, I have five other petitions coming from all parts of Canada which state that the Government of Canada has seen fit since Confederation and without hiatus to apply a zero rate of tax to magazines, books and newspapers, and now proposes to include them in the GST.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reaffirm the historic principles embodied in tax-free status for the printed word by retaining the zero rate in the GST legislation and regulations.

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FOOD AND DRUGS

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present this petition. The petitioners who have signed it are from Scarborough, Pickering, and Oshawa in the