

*Routine Proceedings*

## LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS

**Mr. Jack Whittaker (Okanagan—Similkameen—Meritt):** Madam Speaker, the third petition is of interest to many people across Canada. The petitioners are asking Parliament to join with the Assembly of First Nations, the Inuit of Labrador and other aboriginal peoples of northern Canada in opposing the use of their lands for NATO and NORAD attack training and for low-level flight training in Canada.

They ask that Canada redirect NATO-NORAD funding towards enabling Canada's aboriginal peoples to regain control of their lands and their livelihood and promoting sustainable development for all Canadians.

[*Translation*]

## TAX BENEFITS FOR NORTHERN AND ISOLATED AREAS

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am tabling today a petition from Chibougamau, in the riding of Roberval and one from Lebel-sur-Quévillon, in the riding of Abitibi, in the province of Quebec, concerning the recommendations of the Tax Force on Tax Benefits for Northern and Isolated Areas.

These communities are without question in an isolated area, and that is why your petitioners consider the Brunelle recommendation to be discriminatory, unfair and inefficient with regard to the purpose of the Northern tax benefit system. It does not encourage settlement in the North and offers no incentive to develop northern resources.

[*English*]

## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present several petitions containing the names of 300 or 400 people opposing the goods and services tax from communities across the Algoma riding, including the city of Sault Ste. Marie, the town of Bruce Mines, Elliot Lake, Blind River, Espanola, McKerrow, and Massey. There are signatures from several communities on Manitoulin Island as well: Mindemoya, Kagawong, Tehkummah, West Bay, Gore Bay and several other communities.

The petitioners point out that the goods and services tax will have an adverse impact on the regions of the

country, that it comes on top of some 31 new taxes already imposed on the Canadian people and that it will have an adverse impact on low income families, on tourism and on small business.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau):** Madam Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to present, pursuant to Standing Order 36, a petition signed by residents of Black Lake, Thetford, Saint-Jean-de-Brébeuf, Kitchener and several other communities, who humbly pray that Parliament reject the tax on goods and services which is entirely unfair and disregards people's ability to pay.

[*English*]

Also, Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a further petition opposing the goods and services tax from a number of residents of British Columbia who are totally opposed to this goods and services tax because it certainly has no conscience or regard for ability to pay.

The petitioners humbly beseech Parliament to reject this whole tax idea.

## CANADA POST

**Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Miramichi):** Madam Speaker, I have a petition with 272 signatures from the good people of Loggieville in Miramichi, who are asking Parliament to cease and desist the action of Canada Post in closing rural post offices, thus making the citizens of those communities second class citizens in their own land. This idiocy of Canada Post must stop.

## CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

**Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre):** Madam Speaker, I have two petitions to present today. One is from a number of grain farmers in Saskatchewan who are very concerned with the work that the government is doing on orderly marketing and the dismantling of the Canadian Wheat Board.

They call upon the government to reinstate oats under the Canadian Wheat Board and to give it the same status that barley and wheat now have under the wheat board.

## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre):** Madam Speaker, I have another petition with about 1,000 names from my constituency, which is a small representation of