

*Routine Proceedings*

## CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-303, an act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, (application of fines).

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the bill?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Speaker, this amendment to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act is a fundamental one. It provides for is what is known as fines-splitting. Under this provision, private groups or private individuals, which either provide information to the Crown or proceed with private prosecutions, would be returned up to one-half of the fine following the completion of the legal and court process and a ruling by the courts.

This is a widely respected and known principle used in many countries to encourage people who are working in an industry, farmers who see things happen, or private individuals who see degrading matters going on that affect the environment, to bring these matters properly before the courts.

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

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FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH  
ACT

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-304, an act to amend the Forestry Development and Research Act (modified trees).

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the said bill?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Speaker, as you know, the recently passed Department of Forestry Act has a provision for the taking of a national inventory, something I know the Minister of Forests is undertaking with great speed.

One of the amendments to the federal legislation that I think is urgently is required is in relation to what are known as culturally modified trees. They are found in all areas of Canada, including both the territories. In particular, one finds culturally modified trees in places like Meares Island, where aboriginal people centuries ago operated, on a sustainable basis, the large-scale harvesting of wood from the forests without even cutting the tree down. They simply stripped planks and other materials from the trees.

The intention of this amendment to federal legislation is to provide for protection of culturally modified trees where they have a particular scientific or cultural value.

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

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## PETITIONS

## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present to the House yet another petition certified correct by the Clerk of Petitions. It contains the signatures of hundreds of Canadians who say that since September, 1984, the Conservative federal government has imposed on Canadian taxpayers at least 32 new taxes or tax increases. The Conservative government wants to impose on Canadians a new general 7 per cent tax on goods and services whereas the Liberals, on behalf of Canadians, strongly oppose this new goods and services tax, which is an unprecedented tax grab from the pockets of Canadians and will hit them not only with higher taxes but with higher inflation, higher interest rates and higher unemployment.

Therefore, the petitioners pray and call upon Parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present a petition certified correct as to form and content and signed by some 42 concerned constituents. It is with regard to recent amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act which deprive adoptive parents of proper assistance.