

*Routine Proceedings***BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions among the parties and I think you would find that there would be unanimous consent for the following motion to be put and voted upon without debate. I move:

That, immediately after the completion of Routine Proceedings, the House will proceed to Orders of the Day for debate on the motion for second reading of Bill C-62; and

That, following the speech on the said motion by the Minister of Finance, further proceedings this day on the said motion and any amendment thereto be as follows and in this sequence:

— a speech (without time limit) by both of the Leader or designated spokesperson of each of the Official Opposition and the New Democratic Party;

— a period of one hour for questions and comment, directed to the Minister of Finance, along the format used in Question Period;

— a deemed adjournment of debate, without further debate or question put, on the said motion and any amendment thereto;

— a deemed adjournment of the House until eleven o'clock a.m., Tuesday, January 30, 1990, without further debate or question put on such motion for adjournment;

— Provided that, for the remainder of this day, no dilatory motion shall be receivable by the Chair.

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

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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PETITIONS**GOODS AND SERVICES TAX**

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I would not want to miss this occasion to do my duty and present to this House a petition which strongly opposes the government's intentions to impose upon Canadians this very unjust and unfair GST at 7 per cent.

These people believe strongly that the imposition of the 7 per cent tax will be unfair to Canadians, that it will impose hardship on low and middle-income Canadians and that the imposition of this tax will create an onerous burden on small business. They therefore strongly oppose the GST which is an unprecedented tax grab from the pockets of Canadians and will hit all of us not only with higher taxes but higher inflation, higher interest rates and higher unemployment.

These people humbly pray and call upon parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax.

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I, too, have the honour of tabling petitions on behalf of the people of Parkdale—High Park. The petitioners are not fooled by the government's proposed reduction of the GST to 7 per cent from 9 per cent. It is still an increase from 0 per cent to 7 per cent on many items which are not taxed now. The petitioners call upon this House and the government to scrap the proposed goods and services tax at whatever rate.

Mr. Lyle Vanclief (Prince Edward—Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I, too, have additional petitions from Prince Edward—Hastings to add more names to the thousands I have already tabled in the House of constituents in my riding who are violently opposed to the goods and services tax that the government seems bent on legislating.

[*Translation*]

NORTHERN BENEFITS

Mr. Réginald Bélair (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting to the House two petitions addressed to the Minister of Finance which concern the Report of the Task Force on Tax Benefits for Northern and Isolated Areas.

The petitions are from Mattice and Valrita, and your petitioners ask the Minister of Finance to unconditionally reject the report's recommendation that this program be abolished.

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I wish to table today a petition rejecting the recommendation made by the Task Force on Tax Benefits for Northern and Isolated Areas.