

program, which recognizes the financial needs of people in northern and isolated areas.

I am sure that members from all three parties in this House would love to present petitions on behalf of their northern residents.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition signed by numerous residents of the very famous riding of Glengarry—Prescott—Russell. I notice this petition was signed in part by people from the community of St. Albert, where I understand there is a very famous cheese factory.

These people like so many thousands, in fact millions, of other Canadians are opposed to the goods and services tax. It is a source of amazement to me that, having presented as many petitions in this House as members of the opposition have presented, the government has not already withdrawn the tax.

In any event, the petitioners call upon Parliament to reject the goods and services tax which, as they recite, is an unfair, regressive tax measure.

The petition itself indicates how this Liberal Party of Canada, on behalf of all Canadians, is strongly opposed to this tax which represents an unprecedented tax grab from the pockets of Canadians across the country, not just those in St. Albert in the riding of Glengarry—Prescott—Russell.

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): M. Speaker, I have a petition signed by residents from a number of communities in the great province of Ontario, expressing their concerns about this government's proposal to proceed with the goods and services tax.

They call upon and pray Parliament will reform the current taxation system so that there is an effective minimum tax on wealthy individuals and corporations and will reduce the tax burden on the average Canadian.

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Ms. Catherine Callbeck (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to rise, under Standing Order 36, to present a petition signed by many concerned Canadians.

Routine Proceedings

Dairy and poultry farmers of Canada are concerned that marketing systems may be in jeopardy due to the implementation of the free trade deal and the current round of GATT negotiations.

These marketing systems have worked well in the past in Canada and these petitioners call on government to protect these marketing systems in the current round of GATT negotiations.

CANADA POST

Ms. Catherine Callbeck (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition signed by many of the residents of Malpeque. These petitioners are concerned about the Canada Post decision to discontinue rural Saturday mail delivery. They state that due to the rural nature of Prince Edward Island, its residents should not be deprived of adequate postal services, and call upon Parliament to reverse the decision and allow rural life to flourish in Prince Edward Island and not decline under measures such as the cancellation of Saturday rural postal delivery.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Jack Whittaker (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise under Standing Order 36 to present yet another petition against the goods and services tax.

I spoke yesterday of presenting petitions from sea to sea to sea. The petition I present today is from people in Sackville and other points in New Brunswick, Fredericton and other places, as well as places in Ontario and in the province of Alberta.

Mr. Speaker, these people who have petitioned the House of Commons state that the uninhibited dissemination of the printed word is a cornerstone of democracy, culture and education. A literate and productive society will be negatively affected by the application of the GST. They petition 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.

CANADA POST

Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour for me to present a large number of petitions circulated by Rural Dignity in Prince Edward Island.