

*Routine Proceedings*

This is a new petition and perhaps the government can come up with a new answer.

make available to students a guide that would be suitable to their needs.

## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

**Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I have a group of petitions from constituents in my riding from Melfort, Naicam, Mistatim, Hudson Bay, Spalding, Pleasantdale, Grandin, Fairy Glen and Lac-Vert, who note that the government is attempting to off-load some of the costs of maintaining RCMP policing in their area. They point out that the Government of Canada and Canada benefits by at least 30 per cent by the activities of the RCMP.

The petitioners request the Parliament of Canada to continue the sharing of this important national symbol and institution and that the federal government continue to carry 30 per cent of the cost of RCMP policing instead of the 25 per cent to which it is attempting to shift.

## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present with respect to the goods and services tax and its impact on Canadians, an impact which the petitioners are quite critical of.

The various ways and means motions which have been presented before the House today do not deal with most of these problems. They do provide some very important changes with respect to jigs, dyes and moulds, which are of extreme importance to my constituency and I am pleased to see, but they do not address things such as the need to provide an exemption for books, the need to see to it that this GST is replaced by a fair tax system applying in a fair way to Canadians across the country.

## INCOME TAX GUIDES

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair):** Mr. Speaker, I have two sets of petitions which have been duly certified by the Clerk of Petitions.

In the first one, the petitioners point out that tax guides have been provided for a variety of groups with special needs. It also points out that students are a group with special needs with respect to income tax. They seek action by Parliament to request that Revenue Canada

## CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair):** Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to present the final 3,000 of 57,000 petitions which were submitted by the citizens of Windsor, the content of which you know, but I think it is important to re-emphasize the final paragraph. It says: "Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to take all necessary measures to preserve local CBC television broadcasting in Windsor and all other areas deprived of such service by federal government cutbacks and by the decisions of CBC management". I would remind you that we in Windsor have lost our sole source of local Canadian broadcasting and are, therefore, subject to dominance by American airwaves by the action of this government.

## VIA RAIL

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by people in a number of provinces: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Manitoba and, as well, residents of England.

In their petition, the people humbly pray and call upon Parliament to support the New Democratic Party plan to restore VIA Rail services which were cut on January 15, 1990, and maintain and, more appropriately, to upgrade remote services on which many Canadians rely, and to provide a legislative mandate for VIA Rail and make available to VIA the resources which it needs to become a modern passenger rail system in a class with those throughout the rest of the western world.

## URANIUM MINING

**Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River):** Mr. Speaker, it is an honour and a privilege to be able to present a petition signed by several hundred people from places in Saskatchewan like Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and, in Manitoba from Brandon, Boissevain, Winnipeg and other points. These people have taken note of the spill of radioactive waste at Wollaston Lake in 1989. They found that the regulatory system that pertains to these kinds of events was grossly inadequate.