

*Routine Proceedings*

## PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan):** Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present this petition to the House on behalf of the people from Sudbury who oppose this goods and services tax.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present a petition duly certified by the Clerk of Petitions objecting to the Government of Canada withdrawing its contribution of \$2.9 billion to the financing of unemployment insurance and leaving the financing to workers and employers, pleading with Parliament not to withdraw from the unemployment insurance scheme and not to pass Bill C-21.

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**Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a further petition on the goods and services tax objecting to the tax and asking that Parliament not approve the goods and services tax.

**Mrs. Diane Marleau (Sudbury):** Mr. Speaker, today I have about 15 to 20 petitions with 300 to 400 names objecting to the proposed goods and services tax. The people of Sudbury and the surrounding municipalities are extremely concerned with the effects of such a tax on outlying regions of our country.

## VIA RAIL

**Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour today to present a petition from northern Ontario residents who object to this government's plans to get rid of VIA Rail passenger service. They want to remind the government that many people in rural communities rely exclusively on rail passenger services.

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**Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn):** Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present a petition this morning from residents in Winnipeg, Red Lake and other parts of Ontario and Manitoba who are objecting to the cuts to VIA Rail and point out that the government, through its cuts, is going to cause closure or sale of parts of VIA Rail. It is cutting it by at least one third. It is a pleasure for me to present this petition duly authorized under Standing Order 36.

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**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, like many other members, I have a petition signed by dozens of residents of the great city of Sudbury who are concerned about the GST and what it is going to do, for example, to Sudbury Downs Race-track. Like dozens of other race-tracks across the country it will be forced to close if this national sales farce goes through. The people of Sudbury want the government to revoke any tax, 9 per cent, 7 per cent, on food, on all goods. We want no GST.

## EXTRADITION

**Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary Southwest):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, pursuant to Standing Order 36, a number of petitions which have been certified correct as to form and content. These petitions contain over 860 names from the Calgary area, calling upon the government to revise the laws of Canada relating to extradition to allow the Justice minister of Canada to order the extradition of alleged or convicted criminals at any time after their apprehension in Canada, even during their period of incarceration for crimes committed in Canada.

Over 90,987 names have already been presented to this house, so the total is well over 91,000 names on this specific issue to amend the extradition laws.

## VIA RAIL

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to present a petition on behalf of several hundred Canadians opposing the cuts of some \$500 million to VIA Rail, the closure, sale or transfer of substantial parts of the VIA Rail system, which will mean a disappearance of one third of Canada's national railway system. They call upon Parliament to maintain VIA Rail and the present national network, to upgrade VIA Rail with new equipment and to bring in a new passenger train act with a revised costing arrangement with railway companies.

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**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36, certified correct by the Clerk of Petitions, that points out a whole variety of concerns that the petitioners have regarding the goods and services tax. They point out that it is a mean, cruel and unfair tax, highly discriminatory and are asking the government to simply abandon its efforts to introduce the tax.