

## PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Rex Crawford (Kent):** Madam Speaker, I am honoured today to rise in the House and present a petition from London East, pursuant to Standing Order 36, which has been certified correct as to form and content. The petitioners pray and call upon Parliament to reject the goods and services tax.

**Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour and privilege to present a petition on behalf of the Golden Age Association of Bethora requesting that Parliament reject the proposed goods and services tax because of the serious and unfair hardship to low and middle-income Canadians.

[*Translation*]

**Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent):** Madam Speaker, I also have a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 36, presented by the Golden Age Club of Saint-Laurent, which also asks us to reject this goods and services tax. I have several other petitions as well that are waiting at the Clerk's office.

[*English*]

**Mr. Joe Fontana (London East):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is an honour for me to present petitions on behalf of people from London East, London West, and London—Middlesex, as I have in the past, do so now, and will in the future, requesting that this government rescind and reverse this callous tax that it wishes to impose on every man, woman, and child across this country.

**Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West):** Madam Speaker, I rise, pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present to the House four petitions containing a total of 121 signatures dealing with the proposed goods and services tax.

The people who have signed these four petitions are all in the riding of Scarborough West, and call upon the House to categorically and unequivocally reject any legislation which is brought forward for the purpose of implementing the said goods and services tax.

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I am bringing these petitions forward, as I have done each day that I am in the House, and as I will continue to do each day that I am in the House, as I have many hundreds of petitions from members of my riding.

**Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception):** Madam Speaker, I rise, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a petition duly certified by the clerk of petitions.

Canadians are fed up with the 31 tax increases that this government has imposed since 1984, more are in the offing, and they now see the goods and services tax as a sales tax, and on top of that as another tax grab.

I have 30 signatures here of Canadians who call on Parliament to firmly reject this proposed goods and services tax.

## VIA RAIL

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 36 that has been certified correct by the clerk of petitions. The petitioners point out how disappointed and distressed a number of British Columbians are at the decision of the government to curtail VIA Rail service.

The petitioners point out that they would prefer that the government modernize VIA Rail and provide it with the necessary financing to turn it into a first-class, high speed passenger rail service for Canada, to build an appropriate infrastructure for the future, both in terms of transportation and also for the tourist industry.

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**Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my honour and pleasure to present a petition on behalf of concerned Canadians who are adamantly opposed to the goods and services tax.

They humbly request that the government look at what is being done to this country as it relates to taxes, and the fact that young people, in particular, are getting to the point in their lives where they wonder if it is even worth going to work in the morning when they know that the money that they are making is just going to the government to throw away on extravagant affairs, new limousines, and lots of ministers of the Crown.