

are upset that the government is now going to be taxing haircuts, diapers, coffins and home heating fuels.

They call upon this government to reject the goods and services tax. They call on the government to reform the taxation system so that there is a more effective minimum tax on wealthy individuals and corporations and to ensure that if and when there is a broad public consensus on tax measures to replace the manufacturers' sales tax, this reform will not be an opportunity for the government to impose a massive tax grab.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre): I also have a petition from a number of farmers from Saskatchewan who are very concerned about the future of the Canadian Wheat Board. They call upon this government to reinstate oats under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board and to provide the wheat board with the necessary mandate it needs to provide good service to producers in western Canada.

• (1520)

GUN CONTROL

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present four certified petitions with 1,428 signatures from people in my riding and Metropolitan Toronto and region.

People throughout Canada do not want a proliferation of powerful weapons capable of firing bullets in rapid succession for extended periods of time. They do want a system established which ensures that people who do own guns are competent, careful and respectful of the rights of others.

EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present this petition on behalf of the people of Prince Edward Island.

Whereas the undersigned reject the decision of Canada Employment and Immigration to close and relocate the unemployment insurance office in Trail, British Columbia, it is perceived that similar action would take place across the country. This action in Prince Edward Island would result in the closure of all UI offices except in Charlottetown.

Routine Proceedings

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reverse this decision to close the Trail, B.C. office, and to direct that no similar closures take place now or in the future anywhere within the province of Prince Edward Island.

BILL C-43

Mr. Lyle Vancief (Prince Edward—Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition from several hundred constituents in the riding of Prince Edward—Hastings who humbly pray and call upon Parliament to remove the word "health" from Bill C-43 so that the bill reads as follows: "Anyone who induces an abortion is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment". The exception is when a medical practitioner believes that the life of the mother is threatened.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 52

FARM INCOME

Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of an urgent nature to rural Canada and particularly to people in the prairie provinces.

Earlier today I sent you a letter and stated that I would be rising under this Standing Order to request a debate on a matter of urgent and pressing concern.