

- (22) Atlantic Building Supply Dealers Association
They support the GST but say the provincial and federal governments should cooperate on the issue of taxation. There should be a credit to allow businesses to write-off part of the capital cost of acquiring technology to administer the tax. All exemptions should be eliminated and the rate should be lowered to 5%.
- (23) Automotive Industries Association of Canada
The small traders threshold for the 5% tax should be increased to \$500,000. The GST rate should be reduced to 5%. The designated rate to remove existing FST from inventory should be higher and the federal and provincial taxes should be combined.
- (24) Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Minister of Finance, GNWT
The Minister is opposed to the GST in its present form and believes measures must be taken to compensate northern residents for the increased cost of utilities.
- (25) B.C. Automobile Association
The Association opposes the implementation of the GST as a retroactive tax and claims relief should be provided so that GST does not apply to any portion of the cost of any general insurance claim that has occurred or will occur before the implementation of the GST.
- (26) B.C. Dietitians and Nutritionists Association
Dieticians' services should be exempt.
- (27) B.C. Federation of Labour
The GST should be blocked, it is inflationary. We need a more progressive income tax system and corporations should be paying their share of taxes.
- (28) B.C. Liberal Party, Office of the Leader
The witness recommends the Senate stall the Bill and not pass it until an election has been held.
- (29) B.C. Provincial Council of Carpenters
The GST must be blocked because it is regressive and inflationary and has a negative impact on the housing industry. Corporations should be made to pay their share and military spending should be reduced.
- (30) B.C. Psychological Association
Psychologists should be included within the health care practitioners component of the GST.
- (31) B.C. Teachers Federation
The Federation opposes the GST because it is regressive and poses practical problems for schools and teachers. They recommend sending it back to the House of Commons with a request for a fair tax system.
- (32) B.C. Trucking Association
They oppose the GST because it is inflationary and puts their members at a competitive disadvantage.