

boot tactics by the Conservative party across the way to impose a tax that over 80 per cent of the Canadian people do not want.

Do you know what the government is allowing? It is allowing only one day on report stage—one day to debate the amendments to the goods and services tax. It is allowing one day to argue this tax that the Canadian people do not want. Then it is going to force it through with a guillotine, with closure.

Then the government is going to allow one day on third and final reading. One day is all we are going to get on the most controversial economic move in the history of this country.

This Conservative government makes C. D. Howe and the pipeline debate look generous in comparison. The Canadian people should be aware of that. This smacks of a fundamental lack of democracy, a fundamental lack of openness on behalf of the Conservative Party of Canada.

Over 80 per cent of the people are opposed to the goods and services tax, a tax on ordinary people across this country that is very unfair. The only way the government is getting it through is by using its majority and forcing it through against the will of Parliament, forcing it through against the will of the people of this country.

Why is it doing that? It is doing it for one simple reason. It is afraid of a revolt on the back-benches of the Conservative party. There is a revolt brewing in the back-benches of that party.

We know that it would take only 21 members of the Conservative party to switch and vote with the opposition and this tax would be killed. We now know that we have two members, the member for Calgary Northeast and the member for Edmonton Southeast who have said they are voting against this bill on third reading.

Do you know what has happened to them? They have been expelled from the Alberta caucus of the Conservative party. That is an outright shame. It is absolutely disgusting.

**Mr. Skelly (Comox—Alberni):** What about Willie? Somebody is sitting on Willie Littlechild right now.

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**Mr. Nystrom:** Here are two members who have said they want to speak their mind. They had the courage of their convictions and they said they are going to vote against the GST. What happens to them? They get expelled from the Alberta caucus of the Conservative party. That is absolutely and utterly disgusting and despicable in 1990.

I do not know of any other precedent where a member is expelled from a political caucus in this parliamentary democracy because they happen to speak on behalf of their own constituents, on behalf of their own people.

We know those two members are not alone. In *The Toronto Star* today there is a report that the hon. member for Wetaskiwin has said that he will also vote against the GST at third and final reading.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Nystrom:** According to Linda Diebel of *The Toronto Star* the hon. member for Wetaskiwin will be voting against the government at third and final reading. If the hon. member does that, we will not have 21 to go. We only need 17 more Conservative members to stand up and vote on behalf of the people of this country to defeat the GST. Stand up for Canada. Speak on behalf of this country. Stand up for the people of Canada. Show the courage of the hon. member for Wetaskiwin who has said, according to *The Toronto Star*, that he will vote against the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and vote for the people of his riding.

Those are three courageous members and I hope the Conservative Party does not throw out the hon. member for Wetaskiwin like they threw out the member from Calgary and the member from Edmonton.

In addition to those three courageous members, the hon. member for Wild Rose has said that she will abstain, that she cannot possibly vote for the GST. I encourage the Canadian people to phone her office and tell her to have the courage of Messrs. Kindy and Kilgour, to have the courage of the member for Wetaskiwin, stand and vote against the GST and represent the people of her riding as these members are representing their ridings.

Those two members have been expelled. *The Toronto Star* states that the hon. member for Wetaskiwin is now going to vote against the GST. That means if we have 18 more Tories, 18 more brave and courageous souls who