

*Routine Proceedings*

Quebec, further to the recommendations of the task force on tax benefits for northern and isolated areas.

Lebel-sur-Quévillon is undoubtedly an isolated community. Thus, the petitioners consider the Brunelle recommendation unfair, discriminatory and inefficient for the purpose of the northern tax benefits plan. It encourages neither settlement nor resource development in the North.

[English]

CANADIAN CENTRE FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

**Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 36 to present a petition objecting to the government's plan to scuttle or privatize the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

The petitioners point out that the CCOHS has achieved an unrivalled international reputation as Canada's national centre for workplace health and safety. They point out further that CCOHS has provided high quality, impartial and free information on health and safety matters to the Canadian public for the past 10 years.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to restore the position and status of CCOHS as it was at the beginning of 1988 according to the statute, and to reverse any moves that detract from the status of the centre as a public corporation with objects spelled out in Section 5 of the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The petition is signed by some 59 persons from the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Appended to it are the signatures of a further 13,552 people from right across Canada.

VIOLENT CRIMES

**Mr. Harry Chadwick (Brampton—Malton):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I wish to present a petition with approximately 1,000 names on it. The petitioners call on the government to pass legislation establishing mandatory minimum sentences for all violent crimes which would apply uniformly to all regions of Canada.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley):** Madam Speaker, I have the duty and honour to present a petition today from residents of the central interior of British Columbia who are concerned about the grief and suffering tax, as it is known in B.C. They are calling on the government not to proceed with the measure and to bring in a fair tax.

I know they join with me in wishing that the federal and the B.C. finance ministers would come clean on the secret meetings that they have been having on trying to find a way to implement the GST.

**Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville):** Madam Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 36 I have a petition to present. It is from a couple of hundred of my constituents, who object to the government's attempt for the first time in our history to impose a tax on books and print materials, therefore putting up a barrier to the accessibility of the printed word, one of the cornerstones of our democratic way of life.

I am pleased to present this petition on behalf of my constituents, these Canadian citizens.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader):** Madam Speaker, question No. 238 will be answered today.

[Text]

SHOAL LAKE

Question No. 238—**Mr. Harvard:**

Does the government propose to take any action in developing a Shoal Lake management plan and, if so (a) what action (b) what opportunity will be given to concerned parties, such as the WPG, the Native bands and the cottage associations, to participate in the development of the plan?

**Hon. Lucien Bouchard (Minister of the Environment):** There is no intention, at present, to develop a Federal Management Plan for Shoal Lake, since this is primarily a provincial responsibility. Environment Canada stands ready to assist in the process of a plan development as far as resources will allow and as requested by the Provinces.