

Routine Proceedings

VIA RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present two petitions today, and first of all, to remind members of the number of trees that will be cut down to print today's *Hansard*.

My first petition, Mr. Speaker, calls upon the government to live up to its original pledge to support VIA Rail, to abandon plans for further cuts to VIA's budget and to provide the necessary resources to allow VIA to operate as a modern, effective transportation company rather than a museum.

This petition is signed by residents of Smithers, Houston and Telkwa in northern British Columbia.

FOREST RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): My second petition concerns the subject matter that we are dealing with today, the forest legislation. This is a petition signed by residents of northern British Columbia; Fort St. John, Dawson Creek and Prince George, urging this government to review the forest resource development agreement with the province of B.C. because of its contribution to the reforestation of our lands in B.C.

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville): I have the honour to present a petition under Standing Order 36, along with hundreds of thousands of other ordinary citizens, objecting to the 9 per cent goods and services tax. The petition has been duly signed, endorsed and signed by the required number of petitioners. It is a pleasure to present this.

Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36, on behalf of numerous Canadians, protesting this terrible gouging tax which is about to be imposed upon us.

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition signed by 30 residents of the city of Ottawa who object to the goods and services tax that has been proposed by this government. The petitioners urge the Parliament of Canada to reject the tax.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Beauséjour): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to present to this Hon. House a petition from people in the Ottawa region.

These people of Ottawa, just like the people in Beauséjour, object to this taxation project because they worry that this new tax will cause great and unfair hardships for low- and middle-income families.

They humbly ask Parliament to reject this new tax.

[*English*]

Ms. Albina Guarnieri (Mississauga East): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of concerned Canadians I have the privilege and duty to present a petition under the provisions of Standing Order 36, duly certified by the clerk.

This petition expresses the outrage and betrayal felt by Canadians at the government's latest proposed initiative of imposing the goods and services tax.

The petitioners humbly request that their plea be heard and that this government reject this regressive tax.

Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the senior citizens of my riding and all the small businesses, I have the honour to present a petition under the provisions of Standing Order 36. The petitioners call on parliament to reject the goods and services tax as they do not want to be turned into accountants and bookkeepers.

Mr. Joe Fontana (London East): Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to present a petition under Standing Order 36, on behalf of Canadians who clearly implore this government to cancel its proposed goods and services tax, a tax which will hurt every man, woman and child in this country.

Mr. Rex Crawford (Kent): Mr. Speaker, I am honoured today to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 on behalf of concerned Canadians of Ottawa—Vanier who are not in favour of the goods and services tax. The petitioners humbly request the House to reject this bill.

Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honour and pleasure to stand before you and present a petition under Standing Order 36 on behalf of the residents of Kenora—Rainy River and those tourist operators who know that in 1991 there will no longer be any jobs for them.

It gives me great pleasure to ask the government opposite to consider not imposing a tax that will do severe harm to the tourist industry of Canada.