

without delay. This will enable them to qualify for unemployment insurance in 10 weeks instead of 14.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present to the House further petitions supporting the previous petitioners who object to the Tory government imposing the 7 per cent GST on books, newspapers and magazines. Such a tax on printed material is a tax on literacy and has never been imposed by any federal government since Confederation.

On behalf of the petitioners I thank the other House for refusing to pass the GST legislation.

#### AGRICULTURE

**Hon. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton—Middlesex):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today under Standing Order 36 to present three petitions signed by residents of Canada who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to present a grievance.

The petitioners, in certain assurance that this honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to instruct the government to hold our Canadian marketing systems up as an example to the rest of the world, and protect them in their entirety at all costs in the current round of GATT negotiations.

These dairy and poultry farmers come from Ontario communities such as Kerwood, Watford, Alvinston, Pretolia, Croton, Forest, Camlachie, Strathroy, Inwood, Cambridge, Woodstock, and so on. They are representative of the province of Ontario.

**Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 36 to present a petition to the House from members of the Canadian poultry industry, mainly those in Ontario.

The petitioners call upon this Parliament to reject any proposals involving tariffication of a supply managed product, any increase in minimum import provisions and any increased access to the Canadian market involving poultry products as now being discussed by this government at the GATT negotiations.

These petitioners do humbly pray and ask this House to follow their petition.

#### *Routine Proceedings*

#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I want to introduce six petitions from citizens of my riding expressing strong opposition to the GST and supporting the Senate in their actions.

#### RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 36.

It is my duty to present this petition. I will say ahead of time that I do not agree with its contents but as the member of Parliament for Brant I feel obligated to present it.

The petition says wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact legislation which will effectively protect the life of the pre-born child. This petition is from the anti-abortion people in my riding in Brantford, Paris and so on.

As I say, I do not agree with the content of it but I am presenting this petition.

#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Ron MacDonald (Dartmouth):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition signed by many Canadians who are appalled by this government's new foray into taxing books.

The petitioners indicate that they believe that the uninhibited dissemination of the printed word is a cornerstone of democracy. In this particular day and age when so much talk and effort has been put into creating a literate society, it seems that the GST legislation is going in the opposite direction.

These petitioners humbly pray that this government sees fit to listen to some sense and to withdraw the GST legislation.

**Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition today on behalf of residents of southern Ontario, whereby they recite the importance of newspapers, books and periodicals to a functioning literate democracy.

They call upon the government to not tax these articles under the GST.