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not have lots of money, we are going to make it even more difficult by doubling the amount of fees they have to pay simply to apply to visit and to enter Canada as a landed immigrant.

I could go on and on. If the minister thinks that this snow job is going to fool Canadians, this little smoke and mirrors show, this little cosmetic act that he has performed today in the House of Commons, which is an insult to the intelligence of every Canadian, is going to somehow say to the people of Canada that the government is cutting back on expenditures while at the same time smashing the people of Canada between the eyes with the goods and services tax, that this is going to make the selling of your goods and services tax any easier, you have something coming.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE**STRIKING—TWENTY-SEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the twenty-seventh report of the Striking Committee.

If the House gives its consent, I intend to move concurrence in the report later this day.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings]

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SMALL BUSINESSES LOANS ACT**MEASURE TO AMEND**

Hon. Tom Hockin (for Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister of State for Science and Technology and Acting Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-56, an act to amend the Small Businesses Loans Act.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall the hon. minister have leave to introduce the bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE**STRIKING—CONCURRENCE IN TWENTY-SEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I should like at this time to move concurrence in the twenty-seventh report of the Striking Committee presented earlier this day.

Motion agreed to.

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PETITIONS**PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX**

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand in the House, pursuant to Standing Order 36, and present petitions from many residents of my constituency of Nepean who are opposed to the establishment of a goods and services tax.

These petitioners come from all walks of life and yet their voice is as one. "Do not implement the GST", they are saying, and they call upon Parliament to reject the proposed tax implementation.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and the pleasure to introduce a motion on behalf of Canadian citizens who are requesting the Minister of Employment and Immigration Canada and Health and Welfare Canada to revise the medical standards for admission to Canada with a view to compliance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the enhancement of the human rights and dignity of persons with disability.

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to rise and present to you 96 petitions. In order to facilitate the perusal of petitions, they have been condensed into nine major petitions, but there are 96 petitions here with a total of 3,900 names of residents of the Okanagan—Shuswap area in British Columbia.

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These residents are asking the government to reject the proposed goods and services tax, to consult with business, labour and consumer groups, in order to reach