

Routine Proceedings

PETITIONS

ROUGE RIVER VALLEY

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State of Canada and Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship)): Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to present to the House of Commons today a petition under Standing Order 36.

This concerns an environmental issue in the Rouge Valley, 10,000 acres of very precious wilderness area. The petitioners are calling on the Parliament to work with the government of Ontario to establish the Rouge River Valley as a Canadian heritage land or provincial park.

This is a very important issue because of the imminent announcement—

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member.

It is very difficult for the Chair to hear what is going on. I am glad to see the hon. member is now leaving the House, because he was totally blocking the aisle so that the Chair could not even see the member who had the floor.

Had the hon. member concluded her remarks?

Mrs. Browes: Madam Speaker, this is a particularly important issue, because the provincial government owns about 80 per cent of this land. The national Minister of the Environment has visited the area. The Speaker of the House of Commons has visited this particular area, and it is very important that this petition is heard by the members of the House of Commons because of the importance of the timing of this issue.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Madam Speaker, I have the duty to table 10 petitions today from people who want to tell this Parliament how they feel about the Conservative government's proposal to impose upon Canadians an additional tax on everything they buy, every service they obtain.

This 7 per cent tax proposal is objectionable to many Canadians. These particular petitioners would like to make it known to the House of Commons that they strongly oppose the goods and services tax which is an unprecedented tax grab from the pockets of Canadians that will hit them not only with higher taxes but with higher inflation, higher interest rates and higher unem-

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Skelly (North Island—Powell River)
Taylor
Young (Beaches — Woodbine)—43

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Gauthier
Heap
Hunter
Keyes
Langan (Mission—Coquitlam)
LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso)
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Murphy
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Parker
Phinney
Stupich
Whittaker

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I declare the motion carried.

Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

• (1150)

Mr. Harvard: Madam Speaker, I was involved in an important meeting in my parliamentary office. I just want to tell the House that if I had been here for the two previous votes, I would have voted with my party.

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[Translation]

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES—AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL

Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of State (Youth), Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House): Madam Speaker, I think you will find there is unanimous consent in the House for the following motion:

[English]

That the subcommittee on fisheries of the Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries, and the necessary staff be authorized to travel to Boston to attend an international seafood show on March 20 to 24, 1990.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Does the hon. minister have unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.