

Petitions

flights in B.C. Such flights escalate the global arms race and cause pollution, noise and accidents that are harmful to people, wildlife, and the environment.

In light of this significant public concern in B.C. about flight route I.R. 910, the Minister of National Defence must refer the matter to a full environmental assessment and review. The minister has never given proper written reasons for refusing to refer I.R. 910 to an EARP and surely the Federal Court rulings on Rafferty-Alameda and the Oldman dams, combined with the significant public concern in B.C., determine that this matter deserves such assessment and review process.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The hon. member was getting into debate and not just presenting petitions.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam): Madam Speaker, I have a series of petitions from Coquitlam, British Columbia; Port Coquitlam and Port Moody, British Columbia, and other places in the lower mainland of British Columbia.

The petitioners say that cable companies made an average 32 per cent profit on fixed assets in 1988, more than twice the level of the telephone companies. The reason is that the telephone companies are regulated and cable companies are not.

The petitioners pray and call upon Parliament to adopt Bill C-284 which I have presented, and which applies a rate of return regulation to the cable industry. In other words, regulate the rate of return to the cable industry, which will reduce the costs people pay for their cable television.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Jack Whittaker (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merriitt): Madam Speaker, the fight goes on against the goods and services tax from coast to coast to coast. People in Canada do not want this particular tax and they have requested a number of us to continue to present petitions asking that this government come to its senses and stop the tax and bring in a tax that is fair to all Canadians.

SCALLOP FISHERY

Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan): Madam Speaker, I rise to present a petition under Standing Order 36, certified correct as to form and content by the clerk. The petitioners state that the offshore scallop fishery in Nova Scotia, initiated some 30 years ago, has been continuously the most economically viable fishery on the east coast.

They are urging that there not be changes made. If it ain't broke why fix it. They are urging that there not be an increase in the 12-day trip limit, that there not be a licence for factory-freezer processing vessels, and that we do not allow the banks to be decimated as were done in Norway by freezer trawlers.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South): Madam Speaker, I have a number of petitions I would like to present today. First of all, I have many hundreds of petitions from residents of the national capital region, calling upon the government to withdraw the proposed goods and services tax. People continue to be very concerned about this.

VIA RAIL

Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South): Madam Speaker, another 350 petitioners are calling upon the government to restore passenger rail service in Canada through VIA Rail.

CLEAN-UP OF RIDEAU RIVER

Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South): Madam Speaker, I have a very important petition from this region calling upon the federal government to enter into an equal partnership with provincial and municipal governments to implement a plan of action for the clean-up and maintenance of the Rideau River, one of Canada's most important historic waterways.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South): Madam Speaker, finally I have approximately 6,000 petitions from people all over Canada objecting once again to the proposed clawback of Old Age Security and family allowance benefits, a matter which is still before this House.