

Routine Proceedings

The petition says that whereas violence against women in our society is a serious problem, whereas 14 women were brutally killed at the University of Montreal because they were women, and whereas our society must recognize the misogynist aspects of our society and never forget these kinds of action, they call upon this Parliament to declare December 6 a national day of remembrance in honour of those 14 young women who were massacred in Montreal, a national day of remembrance and action on the issues around violence against women.

• (1240)

CANADA POST

Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau): Madam Speaker, I rise today to present a petition on behalf of 191 residents from Halifax, Nova Scotia, who are opposing the closure of post offices. These residents feel that with a profit of over \$149 million there is no reason for this government to continue destroying Canada Post as we know it.

The petitioners are calling on Parliament to instruct the government to stop this massive destruction of this very important facility that helps to unite Canadians and they would like to see the facility in particular at Halifax Main, at 713 Bedford Row in Halifax, remain open.

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Madam Speaker, it is my privilege today to rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present a petition that deals with postal issues in the Halifax area. Hundreds of petitioners suggest that with a profit of \$149 million, Canada Post should not be cutting back service at the expense of Canadians.

The petitioners are particularly concerned about Canada Post's intention to close the postal facility at 1526 Dresden Row in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and call upon Parliament to instruct the government to make improved service the highest priority of Canada Post Corporation and to instruct the government to abandon the policy of closing rural post offices and urban postal stations.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Madam Speaker, I have a number of petitioners here today who continue to protest quite vigorously the implementation of the goods and services tax. These are Canadians from across the country who have joined together in a petition of several hundred names, suggesting that the goods and services tax is not appropriate for

the Canadian economy at this time, that it will cause grave and serious hardship to small business across this country and will unduly affect middle-income Canadians, as well as those on fixed incomes across this country.

The petitioners call upon the Government of Canada that notwithstanding its implementation of this very regressive tax that it would reconsider its decision of months ago and do away with the goods and services tax.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Dave Worthy (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): Madam Speaker, question No. 415 will be answered today.

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COST OF STRIKE

Question No. 415—**Mr. Fisher:**

During the 1989 strike by hospital service employees and ships' crews, what were (a) the total costs (b) the costs for (i) moving veterans (ii) catering (iii) additional security (iv) replacement workers?

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): I am informed as follows:

Environment Canada:	a)	\$27,000	for the charter of a vessel to search for and recover a de-moored meteorological buoy in the Pacific Ocean
		\$5,000	for overtime during off-hours
Fisheries and Oceans:	a)	\$74,227	for DND services
Health and Welfare Canada:	a)	\$21,393	
	b)	ii)	\$364
		iv)	\$21,029
National Defence	a)	\$89,450	
	b)	ii)	\$1,000
		iv)	\$40,000 for overtime paid to civilian employees
Public Works Canada:	a)	\$83,808	for ships' officers (additional costs)
Transport Canada:	a)	\$1,235,000	for the charter of tugs to assist navigation in the St. Lawrence River