

Routine Proceedings

Mr. Marchi: Mr. Speaker, I would like to present these petitions and request that the goods and services tax be flatly rejected. It will be by this side of the House.

RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Gus Mitges (Bruce—Grey): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present petitions from the cities of Hamilton, Thunder Bay and St. Catharines, Ontario, with 1,453 signatures.

The petitioners are united in their abhorrence of the taking of precious human life through abortion and believe in the rights of all unborn children. They call upon Parliament to pass legislation that will protect life from conception.

I fully support them in their endeavour to protect future generations of Canadians.

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. David Walker (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise to present the following petitions which have been certified by the clerk of petitions.

The first group of 26 petitions contains the signatures of 768 residents of Sarnia, Ontario. In fact, the people of Sarnia, Ontario think this is such an important tax to oppose that they themselves have come here. There are two representatives from Sarnia in the House watching these petitions being presented on their behalf. I commend them for showing such an interest in opposition to the government.

The second group of 12 petitions contain the signatures of 201 residents of Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Saskatoon, Princeton, British Columbia and of Collingwood, Stratford and Toronto, Ontario. These citizens humbly call upon the government to withdraw its proposal for a regressive and inflationary goods and services tax.

Mr. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to present to this House, pursuant to Standing Order 36, petitions certified correct as to both form and content from residents of Eglinton—Lawrence and other ridings in the area of greater metropolitan Toronto.

They call upon this government and this Parliament to fight vigorously for the withdrawal of the proposed goods and services tax which they see as the most regressive

form of taxation addressing itself in a particularly pernicious fashion to the aged, the young, and the unemployed.

To those I will add another additional 800 stubs sent in by clients of McDonald's on Avenue Road and on Yonge Street. They are clearly directed to the Minister of Finance and I can tell you as much because of the refinement of the language.

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Rocheleau (Hull—Aylmer): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, again I rise as spokesman for 1,196 people who signed three certified petitions from residents of the riding of Hull—Aylmer who call upon Parliament to reject the goods and services tax proposed by the Conservative government, a tax which is complicated and unfair to all Canadians.

[English]

Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, it is a special pleasure for me to be able to present a petition signed by over 2,000 Calgarians humbly praying that Parliament may be pleased to reject the GST.

The reason this is such a special pleasure for me is that all these signatures were collected by one woman, a Ms. Heidemarie Meding, a single mother and student in Calgary. She collected them during the summer and early fall and gave them to me at the anti-GST rally held in Edmonton on the evening of Monday, October 2, a rally I am certain everyone in this House is familiar with.

My congratulations to Ms. Meding, and here are the names.

Mr. Speaker: We are certainly familiar with it now, but I would ask hon. members to stay within the rule.

• (1540)

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches—Woodbine): Mr. Speaker, I too have the honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36, which has been certified correct as to form and content.

The petitioners state that a tax on goods and services is an aggressive tax that hits low and middle income earners the hardest. Canadians are already overtaxed and a further tax burden could adversely affect the economy.