

Routine Proceedings

Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege of presenting, pursuant to Standing Order 36, a petition signed by several Canadians who object to the proposed legislation referring to the goods and services tax. Thousands of people spoke to me in my riding in opposition to this proposed legislation and begged that something be done to demonstrate on their behalf here in the House, and I am pleased today to be able to present their objections to this proposed legislation.

• (1140)

Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk): Mr. Speaker, I rise also under Standing Order 36 to present a petition by a number of Canadians who are concerned about the goods and services tax. They are concerned about the tax of the government opposite and they feel deeply betrayed by this government.

They humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax.

Mrs. Diane Marleau (Sudbury): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and indeed my pleasure to present a petition that was gathered in Sudbury in my riding. It was gathered with the help of a number of senior citizens who are extremely upset with the proposed goods and services tax. Would you please accept this petition on their behalf.

[Translation]

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and the pleasure, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present to you a petition from some constituents of mine who live in a part of Cartierville that lies within my riding. They are deeply concerned about Government Bill proposing a tax.

They ask:

That Parliament reject this new tax on goods and services.

[English]

And as well, Mr. Speaker, I have a petition under Standing Order 36, also from the Saint-Laurent part of my riding. The citizens are concerned because they feel that it will cause serious and unfair hardship to low and

middle-income Canadians and they also humbly request Parliament to reject the proposed goods and services tax.

Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to rise in this Parliament today. I wish to present a petition on behalf of the citizens of Canada who oppose this goods and services tax. This tax will create a large burden on small business, agriculture and fisheries.

Mr. Ron MacDonald (Dartmouth): Mr. Speaker. I too rise today in accordance with Standing Order 36 to present a duly certified petition to the Parliament of Canada from a number of concerned Canadians. They are concerned about the excessive taxation regime of the government opposite, who since 1984 have on 31 occasions raised taxes. But mostly they are concerned about the proposal for a new goods and services tax and humbly ask this Parliament to ask the government to reject this regressive tax.

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and the privilege today to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36. It is properly certified, I advise, Mr. Speaker, by the clerk. It is signed by several hundred petitioners from my adopted city of Windsor, Ontario. It gives me great pride to indicate their opposition to the proposed goods and services tax, or as my friend properly indicated, general suffering tax.

Mr. Bob Wood (Nipissing): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour and a privilege to rise today to present a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 36, on behalf of the people of Nipissing which takes in the cities of North Bay, Sturgeon Falls, and Mattawa. The petition deals, of course, with the unfairness in our tax system. We call upon the Conservative government to reject the proposed goods and services tax.

Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception): Mr. Speaker, I rise on this occasion to present a petition in accordance with Standing Order 36, duly documented and certified by the clerk. This petition is from Canadians who are worried, upset and disillusioned by this unprecedented tax measure and they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject the government's proposed goods and services tax.