

The Assembly met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**PRESENTING PETITIONS**

**Mr. Prebble:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Prebble:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to rule 11 to present a petition to the Assembly on behalf of a number of Saskatchewan residents. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners are of the view that the provincial government does not have a mandate from the people of Saskatchewan to impose the major tax increase which results from the provincial GST (goods and services tax), Mr. Speaker. These petitioners are opposed to the provincial GST, and they would like to have the opportunity to pass judgement on this tax in a general election.

Mr. Speaker, I'm very pleased to present these petitions . . . this petition on behalf of my own constituents from the neighbourhoods of Grosvenor Park and Greystone Heights in Saskatoon University constituency.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Prebble:** — Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 11, I have here a petition from residents of Star City and from La Ronge. Mr. Speaker, these petitioners are concerned about the major tax increase that the provincial GST represents, and are asking that the tax not proceed at this time. On behalf of these petitioners, I am pleased to present this petition to the Legislative Assembly.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Prebble:** — Mr. Speaker, residents of Colonsay and Aberdeen and North Battleford and Davidson have given me a petition which they've asked me to present to the Assembly, and pursuant to rule 11, I'm pleased to present this petition, on their behalf, asking that a provincial election be held before any decision is made on the imposition of the provincial GST. And on behalf of these residents . . .

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Prebble:** — I am pleased to present this petition to the legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from residents on the west side of Saskatoon who have asked me on their behalf to present to this Assembly their expressed opposition to the major tax increase that the provincial GST represents in this province. And on their behalf I am pleased to present this petition to the Assembly.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Prebble:** — Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from residents of White Fox, Saskatchewan and North Battleford, Saskatchewan, praying that the Legislative

Assembly might take into account their wish that the provincial GST be stopped, at least until such time as the residents of Saskatchewan have had an opportunity to pass judgement on the tax during a provincial election campaign.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Prebble:** — Mr. Speaker, on behalf of residents of east College Park in Saskatoon, I'm pleased to present this petition to the Legislative Assembly, sir.

The undersigned petitioners ask that the provincial government not impose the major tax increase represented by the provincial GST, and express concern about essential consumer items being taxed. And on their behalf, sir, I'm pleased to present this petition to the Assembly.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Prebble:** — And finally, on behalf of residents in Brevoort Park in Saskatoon, I am pleased to present a petition to the provincial legislature asking that the provincial GST be stopped until an election campaign has been conducted, and the residents of the province have had an opportunity to pass judgement on whether or not they want to support a government that is prepared to bring down such a major tax increase.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Prebble:** — Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these residents, I'm very pleased to present this last petition to the Legislative Assembly. Thank you very much, sir.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Muller:** — Mr. Speaker, I'd ask leave of the Assembly to introduce some guests.

Leave granted.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

**Mr. Muller:** — I'd like to thank all members of the legislature for allowing me to introduce a grade 12 class from Shellbrook.

It's quite a long drive in here — have to get up pretty early in the morning to come in from that beautiful north-central part of Saskatchewan, where we have all those beautiful lakes and golf courses, all those good hockey players. And certainly we're recognized all across the province for the things we've done in hockey in the last few years with our senior team and our bantams and midgets.

Anyway we have 31 students, Mr. Speaker, and the teacher is Colin Neudorf. And I would like all members to welcome this grade 12 class to Regina, and certainly I'll be meeting with them for pictures and drinks about 11 o'clock. Please welcome them here.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Britton:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would ask leave of the Assembly to introduce some guests.

**The Speaker:** — Order. It seems that perhaps hon. members are anxious to introduce guests. Perhaps at this time I might ask if hon. members will grant leave to any hon. member who so wishes to introduce guests.

Leave granted.

**Mr. Britton:** — I thank you, Mr. Speaker, and the members of the Assembly. Today, Mr. Speaker, in the east gallery we have from Kerrobert, Elizabeth School in . . . Kindersley, pardon me . . . 35 grade 7 students. And I would like to have the Assembly help me welcome these people. The teacher is Dave Burkell; and the chaperons is Susan Fuhrman, Peggy Baker; and the bus driver is Jim Baker.

I will be meeting these students after question period, Mr. Speaker, and have some photos, and try to answer any questions they might have. And I would ask the Assembly to help me welcome these. This is a long ways from here, as the member from Shellbrook said. It's quite a long ways. And we're really pleased to have them get down to Regina once in awhile. And I'd ask you to help me . . .

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Mr. Schmidt:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce to you, and through you to this Assembly, a group of senior citizens from the Melville pensioners and senior citizens' association in Melville, seated in your gallery, Mr. Speaker.

Some of them are still arriving. They just bused in from Melville this morning. Our seniors don't mind getting up early, so they left at eight this morning from Melville and they're just arriving here to visit us. And I will be meeting with them at 11 o'clock for pictures. I would ask that the members welcome them here — in particular, Lucy Muzyka, who organized their tour.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lautermilch:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to join with the member from Shellbrook-Torch River in welcoming the grade 12 students from Shellbrook. On behalf of my colleague from the riding of Prince Albert and the rest of my colleagues on this side of the House, we welcome you to the Assembly.

I would have to say that on occasion the member from Shellbrook-Torch River and I don't agree, but on his description of our area of this province I can only concur with everything he's had to say. It's a great place, a great place to live. Welcome, and have a safe trip home.

**Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

# **PRESENTING PETITIONS** (continued)

**Mr. Rolfes:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to rule 11 to present some petitions to the legislature today on behalf

of a number of residents of Saskatchewan who have expressed their concern about the implementation of the education and health tax, the increase or expansion of the tax. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, are concerned about the effect it will have on their standard of living, and they've asked me on their behalf to present their petition to the legislature today. The citizens that I have on the list today come from the city of Prince Albert, and on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I want to present the petition.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rolfes:** — Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition here from a number of residents of my own city, the city of Saskatoon. And not a day goes by, Mr. Speaker, where we are not asked by some people in the city of Saskatoon to express their concern. And they have put their name to the paper that I have before you, their concern about the tax that is before . . . the tax Bill that is before the legislature today. They are concerned, Mr. Speaker, about the effect that this tax is going to have on their standard of living also. And on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to present the petition from the people of the city of Saskatoon, and by the way, mostly from the constituency that I represent, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rolfes:** — Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition here from a number of people from the city of Regina and from the city of Estevan and also from Hyas, Saskatchewan. These people, Mr. Speaker, have expressed their concern by putting their name to this petition.

They're concerned about the implementation of the provincial GST. They find that it's a tax that will certainly affect their lives and they are very concerned about what it will do not only to themselves but to their children. And they have asked me on their behalf to make their views known to the government, in the hope that the government will reconsider the tax.

On their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I will present this petition.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rolfes:** — Mr. Speaker, I also have here a petition from another part of the city of Saskatoon. This is not from my constituency but it is from the area of Sutherland in Saskatoon.

These people, Mr. Speaker, are also voicing their opposition to Bill 61, the expansion of the health and education tax, the provincial GST tax which is before the legislature. And they are asking me on their behalf to voice their concerns to this legislature in the hope that the government will reconsider the Bill, and will withdraw it from the order paper.

On their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I am presenting the petition.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rolfes:** — Mr. Speaker, it is not just the city of Saskatoon and Regina, for which I have presented petitions, but there are people from all over

Saskatchewan. And pursuant to rule 11, I rise for the people in other parts of Saskatchewan who have put their name to the petition in opposition to the provincial goods and services tax.

The petitioners that I have here today come from such places as Grenfell, Broadview, Southey, Raymore, Edenwold, Moose Jaw, Kelliher, and also from the city of Regina.

So, Mr. Speaker, these people also are concerned about the adverse effect that this tax may have and are hoping that the government will reconsider, and are asking me to present the petition on their behalf, which I am doing at this particular time.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rolfes:** — Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 11, I rise for some other people in the . . . residents of the province of Saskatchewan who are concerned about the additional tax that Bill 61 will create for them, and have asked me to present on their behalf their names on this petition, in the hope again that the government will reconsider.

These people come from places like Bradwell; Young, Saskatchewan. They do come again from Saskatoon. They also come from places like Allan, and Clavet, Saskatchewan. And on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to present the petition to the legislature.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rolfes:** — Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 11, I rise for a number of people from other parts of Saskatchewan who are also very concerned about Bill 61, a Bill to increase the education and health tax, to implement a provincial GST. They are very concerned about the effects it will have on them and on their families.

These people, Mr. Speaker, come from areas like Pense; they also come from Regina, Indian Head, Bienfait in the south-east area of the province, again from Moose Jaw, and also from Vibank, Saskatchewan. On their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to present this petition.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rolfes:** — Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 11, I rise in this legislature for a number of other constituents who have expressed their concern about Bill 61, a Bill that will expand the education and health tax, and also for the first time — or for a long time, at least — put a tax on food and children's clothing. They know what effect it will have on them and people from Holdfast, people from Moose Jaw, people from Regina. I am very proud and pleased to be able to present this petition, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rolfes:** — Mr. Speaker, I have one last petition that I want to present. And again these people have expressed their concern about the provincial GST tax which will be implemented if Bill 61 passes this legislature. These people come from areas like Mortlach, Saskatchewan; from Regina, Kinistino, and from Moose Jaw. And on their

behalf I am very, very pleased to present the petition today in the legislature.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rolfes:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And my comment to the Minister of Social Services is no, on behalf of the people I am very proud to . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Ms. Simard:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too rise pursuant to rule 11 to table in the Legislative Assembly a petition indicating that the provincial government does not have a mandate from the people of Saskatchewan to impose the major tax increase which would result from its proposed provincial goods and services tax.

This petition, Mr. Speaker, has been signed by people from Lumsden and Pilot Butte, and a number of people from Regina. And I therefore present this on their behalf.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Ms. Simard:** — I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, that I want to file pursuant to rule 11, which indicates that these people are urging the government not to impose the provincial goods and services tax, because quite obviously they are aware about the impact of that tax on their communities and their families.

And this petition has been signed from a number of people who live in Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker. I'm very proud on behalf of these people to table this petition in the legislature today.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Ms. Simard:** — I have a petition here, Mr. Speaker, from people in Regina and people from Craven, Mr. Speaker, who are urging the government not to impose the legislation dealing with their major tax increase, the provincial goods and services tax, Mr. Speaker, that is going to be on not only on goods but on services throughout this province. They are urging the government to withdraw this because of the harmful effect it's going to have on our economy, on our communities, and on families in Saskatchewan. I therefore take great pride in presenting this petition to the House today, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these individuals.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Ms. Simard:** — Thank you. Mr. Speaker . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. Yesterday I was moved to invoke a parliamentary usage of the House of Commons which allows hon. members to rise once each day to present petitions. The reason, as you recall, I invoked that usage of the House of Commons was because I felt that hon. members were rising over and over presenting the same petition. And by doing so, they were unduly using up the time of the House.

Today, while hon. members, it is true, are rising once, they are once more presenting the same petition over and over — like petitions. I have listened to two members who have presented the same petition, like prayers, over and over. And the third member is now, after having listened to two of hers, seems to be doing the same thing.

Therefore I'm asking members to do the following: that they present all like, all like petitions at one time — all like petitions. If they have the same prayer, to present them all at one time. If you have a petition with a different subject matter, that's another issue. But if all like petitions, I'm asking you to present at one time.

My judgement, from what I have heard, for the member from Saskatoon University and the member from Saskatoon South, and up to this point from the member for Regina Lakeview — they have been like petitions.

**Mr. Anguish:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've taken the opportunity pursuant to yesterday's ruling, Mr. Speaker — and we accept your ruling from yesterday — I took the opportunity to look at the background of the House of Commons debates, Mr. Speaker, and I'd like to have you bear with me for just a brief moment. As I say, we respect the ruling that you made.

And when the Speaker in the House of Commons made that ruling . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order, order. Order. The hon. member has risen on a point of order to discuss a ruling which I have made. He, as a member of this Assembly, knows that that is out of order. And I will not accept it.

He mentioned . . . Order, order. Order. Order. I allow . . . The rule . . . Order, order. The rules of the House clearly indicate that Speaker's rulings are not to be challenged.

Now these rules were made by hon. members. These rules are made by hon. members. And it is that rule which I am simply invoking — that Speaker's rulings are not to be challenged or debated. That is the rule.

**Mr. Anguish:** — I was in no way challenging your ruling, Mr. Speaker. In fact I prefaced my remarks by saying that I accepted your ruling, Mr. Speaker.

I would, however, on my point of order, Mr. Speaker, like to refer to the House of Commons. And that's what I want to refer to, if you will hear me out, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on November 7 of 1986 the Speaker rose in the House of Commons when he had been referring to a ruling that had been placed there that members would be only recognized once to present petitions. He stated very clearly . . . and I quote from November 7, 1986, page 1190 of the House of Commons debates and proceedings. Mr. Speaker, I quote:

The process in the House has been that under the presentation of petitions during Routine Proceedings a Member who rises and is recognized by the Chair . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order, order, order, order, order. I

would like you to put your point of order, place your point of order clearly. There's no challenge to my ruling. I interpreted what you are saying, sir, as a debate on my ruling, and your point of order is out of order.

**An Hon. Member:** — Mr. Speaker, yesterday . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. I have clearly indicated to you, sir, my ruling. And I don't expect to accept any more point of orders from you.

**Mr. Shillington:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was out of the Assembly when you made your ruling, and that's unfortunate but it's the case.

I therefore have a question of your ruling, Mr. Speaker. The background to the question is, if Mr. Speaker is citing a well-established precedent that's been followed before, and for which there's either Speaker's rulings or comments in Beauchesne's, that's one thing. If, however, it's your interpretation of a rule, a matter which is up for the first time, I think that's different in that we ought to have the right to present arguments before such a decision is made.

My question is, is there precedent . . . did you cite precedent for your ruling, because I can cite past practice where this has been done during the 16 years I have been a member of this Assembly. If you've got a precedent for it, I would like to hear it because it is contrary to practice.

**The Speaker:** — I have read my Speaker's statement yesterday on two occasions. The reasons for my ruling are clearly expressed in that statement — clearly expressed. And I stand by that ruling and I do not debate the ruling. I've listened to your point, I've listened to your point and I have made a statement yesterday. I have based my statement on reasons which I have expressed. And that is the ruling that I stand on. That is the ruling that I stand on.

I believe, sir, that you are entering into debate. Yes, I believe you are entering into debate on the ruling. There is no question. There is no question, sir, that you are entering debate and I cannot accept that.

**Mr. Romanow:** — Mr. Speaker, I must confess I don't know whether I'm rising on a point of order or a point of privilege. I'll be very brief. I do not want to be argumentative, but I would like to beg your indulgence to allow me to state the case.

Yesterday you ruled after an hour and a half that the methodology of the presentation of the petitions amounted to obstruction, which I interpreted at that time, sir, to be a precedent, that on an hour and a half on the way that the petitions were being presented, was obstructive. I will not get into the questions of how you decided that or on what authority. That's your ruling. I accept it.

Today the opposition advances petitions in an entirely different way and for less than a half an hour and we have now a new ruling on a new time frame.

Now, Mr. Speaker, my point is — and I'm going to sit

down on this — for clarification, under what circumstances and what firm guide-lines can I carry out my responsibilities as an elected member of the legislature, if on one day it's an hour and a half, on another day it's 20 minutes, on one day we can't rotate, on another day we can't get up and collectively advance them.

Surely, sir, there must be some broad parameters and guide-lines, and that is what I'm asking of you — to clarify in order for us to do our job on behalf of the people in the province of Saskatchewan.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**The Speaker:** — The hon. member does not have the point of order, but he is the Leader of the Opposition and I respect his position. And therefore I would like to just take the time to refer him back to yesterday's ruling, which says clearly in the second last paragraph:

Members may still present their petitions to the Table under rule 11(1), or they may present all like petitions at one time, or they may present their petitions on other sitting days.

That was clearly indicated yesterday.

**Mr. Romanow:** — Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the further clarification, but what I would like to ask, sir, again — not to challenge but for clarification for the somewhat orderly conduct of business here — in the light of that ruling, what is the basis of the objection of what the opposition is doing today? Because as I see it, my colleagues are advancing all at one time — once, nobody has got up a second time — a series of petitions which we felt was in pursuit of your memorandum, in pursuit of your decision. What's the basis of the objection today, sir? I ask for clarification, not for dispute, today.

**The Speaker:** — With all due respect to the Leader of the Opposition, with all due respect, in my earlier remarks I clearly gave the basis. I clearly gave it and, as I say, don't intend to enter into debate, but I appreciate your view.

**Mr. Lingenfelter:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to rule 11 to table here in the legislature a number of petitions. These people want to express to the government, and more importantly to the Assembly — to all members of the Assembly, government and opposition — that they are upset with the fact that the government is bringing in what they see to be a unfair tax — is being brought in well ahead of the legislation being implemented here in the House.

And they are also telling us that they would very much like this tax not to come into being. Mr. Speaker, these people . . . and I would like to take just a moment to indicate from which communities they come, because I think part of the right of petitioning here is that we allow the individuals who signed these petitions to let the public know where they are coming from.

I have here from my own constituency of Elphinstone, from the Forget Street, a number of people who are petitioning the government to stop the GST — the

provincial GST — from coming into being.

Another petition from Saskatoon and Regina — these people too are interested in stopping the GST; another petition from P.A., Shellbrook, Paddockwood, and La Ronge, Mr. Speaker.

I have here yet another petition which add to the thousands, I say tens of thousands of people, who have now petitioned this legislature and you, Mr. Speaker, that this petition be put before the Assembly and that this Bill be withdrawn.

I have another petition, most of the names from Prince Albert. These people in northern Saskatchewan who represent their families — not only themselves but I would imagine their families — also want to petition the legislature and the members here, who come here to do the work of the people. And the large, overwhelming number will want the tax . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order, order. Order. The hon. member is entering into debate and making remarks that provoke debate. I realize that he realizes that.

**Mr. Lingenfelter:** — I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker, and I'll try to do this even a little bit quicker than I have been. But I do want to take just a moment or two of the House, and I'm sure in light of the fact that this is what we're being paid to be here for — to represent the people — that I'll be allowed to do that.

These names are from Prince Albert, St. Louis, Tuxford, as well as Sylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I have here yet another petition. I say again many of . . . thousands from Spruce Home, Prince Albert, Holbein, and Shellbrook.

Mr. Speaker, if I can indulge the House, I have a couple of more petitions. And I don't want to take a long time, but just a couple of moments to present petitions from Domremy, Belbutte, and Prince Albert.

I have another petition here from people, Mr. Speaker, who want to petition the House to put an end to the provincial GST, from Prince Albert, Candle Lake, and White Star.

Mr. Speaker, I have here names of people from the towns of — or the communities, I guess — Christopher Lake, Prince Albert, and Hague.

And I just have a couple more here from Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Birch Hills, Debden, Canwood, and St. Louis.

Mr. Speaker, I have here another part of this petition. These people are from Radisson, Prince Albert, Paddockwood. They too would like to petition the legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a couple of more, and it will just take me a few seconds to finish this up. These people also want to petition the members of the legislature and you, Mr. Speaker, to put an end to this unfair tax. They are from

Holbein, Shellbrook, Debden, and North Battleford. And, Mr. Speaker, this gives an indication of how widespread the opposition to this Bill is.

I have three more here, and I'll just take a moment. These are from Shellbrook, and Debden, Prince Albert, and Saskatoon. And under the same rule, Mr. Speaker, rule 11, these people as well would like to petition the members of the legislature.

I just have a couple left here, two left. These are also petitioning the legislature and members of the legislature. And the members opposite, from the area represented in St. Louis, and Spruce Home, would be interested that people in their constituency are asking members of the opposition — even though they're represented by their people — that they come here and petition this legislature, and through this legislature their members in the area, that this tax be not put forward at this time.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, from the communities of Smeaton, White Fox, Shipman, and Saskatoon, another group of people who would like to petition the legislature to stop this tax from being implemented.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

(1045)

**Mr. Shillington:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I too rise to present a petition from a variety of addresses in Saskatchewan. I'll deal with that in a moment, where they're from.

In summary, the petition states that the government doesn't have a mandate to impose the 7 per cent PST, that they cannot afford to pay it, and that the economy cannot bear it. They therefore pray that the government stop the provincial GST until they, the public, have had an opportunity to pass judgement on it.

Mr. Speaker, these people come from virtually all four corners of the province. Members opposite will recognize some of their constituencies in these communities. One signs this from Rosemont. The public who are watching it may not recognize a community by the name of Rosemont. People who live in the Rosemont area of Regina often use that.

Another one comes from north end; similarly I assume, without being told, that that is north end Regina. There are then five signatories from the city of Regina, followed by two from Riceton who have . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. I think hon. members should attempt to adhere closely to proper practices. Let me read to you two previous statements regarding petitions: to keep your remarks extremely brief . . . This is from May 29, 1990. To keep your remarks extremely brief, speaking directly to the petition and not raising any issues which may be construed as debate.

Speculation on where people may live or not live is not a valid part of a presentation — again to state only the essence of the petition, which means the prayer and then you present it.

**Mr. Shillington:** — I may have been a touch thorough in my approach to the last one, Mr. Speaker. I'll conclude this therefore by saying there are another eight signatories from Regina, one from Balgonie, and then followed by a couple more from Regina.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Shillington:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Another petition of people who asked the government to seek a mandate before taking this step — again they come from a wide variety of different communities — one in Regina, Redman Avenue; another from Success. That's a fair distance from Regina. Three more from Regina, one from Lebret, another from Regina, another from Montmartre — I think it is fair to say that all of these are from different constituencies so far.

**The Speaker:** — I'm going to once more draw to your attention a statement made on presenting petitions. And it says here to keep your remarks extremely brief — brief — speaking directly to the petition and not raising any issues which may be construed as debate. And again to state only the essence of the petition, which means the prayer and then you present it.

But I'm asking the hon. member to heed the direction which states clearly to keep your remarks extremely brief, and speaking directly to the petition and then presenting it.

**Mr. Shillington:** — No sense arguing with your ruling. My summary of the petition was confined to a single sentence and then I was giving the addresses with no elaboration. So I'll certainly comply with Mr. Speaker's ruling.

Another from Pilot Butte, another from Melville — two from Melville — another from Pilot Butte, one from Bengough, way down in the south country; one from Regina, and one from Fillmore, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Shillington:** — Yet another petition from yet another corner of the province entirely. Again the essence of the petition, Mr. Speaker, is that the people who sign this, who believe that this government does not have a mandate to pass the tax at this juncture in its legislative term . . . and they urge the government to stop the provincial GST until the public have had an opportunity to pass judgement on it in a provincial election.

Some of these addresses I wouldn't recognize, although I think the first one is Prince Albert. Indeed I think the six . . . indeed there are six from Prince Albert; one who did not leave an address; another one from Spruce Home, north of Prince Albert; three more from Prince Albert; one from Chelan. Another seven from Prince Albert — I would assume the city of Prince Albert itself, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Shillington:** — Mr. Speaker, another petition by people from quite a variety of communities in quite a variety of places in the province. These people . . . the

essence of this petition is that these people state that this government does not have a mandate to pass the tax in the latter stages of its legislative mandate.

They therefore, as a consequence of that view, they therefore urge the provincial government to stop the provincial GST until the public have had an opportunity to pass judgement upon it. A variety of different communities: the first one on the list, Mr. Speaker, is Carlyle, Saskatchewan; the second is from Regina; third is from Regina — different names, so I assume it's not a single household. Fourth one — some members might recognize this community — from Strasbourg. And there are eight from Regina, one from Pasqua — I'm not sure what that refers to. The next one is from Saskatoon; two more from Regina; one from Pilot Butte; four more from Regina.

The pen's gone dry, Mr. Speaker. I'll ask the page to fetch another. I'll perhaps go on to a different petition while I'm waiting for the page to return with a pen.

I thank the Clerk for his timely assistance.

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. Order, order.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Shillington:** — The member from Weyburn asks for . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. Order, order. The hon. member is purposefully, in my opinion — because he has been in the House a long time and I know he knows the rules of the House as well as anybody — is provoking debate and referring to the presence of a member. And I have reminded the hon. member of not referring to the presence of a member. Therefore I know he must know that's breeching the rules.

**Mr. Shillington:** — I think that's a fair comment. I apologize for that, Mr. Speaker. I've only got a couple left, sort of coming around the home stretch.

This is a further petition from the . . .

**The Speaker:** — I have noted to the hon. members that they may read the prayer only once and then present the petitions. Now the hon. member must abide by that.

**Mr. Shillington:** — I genuinely misunderstood you. I thought that since each is signed separately, I thought we were supposed to give the essence of each one.

These petitions, the essence of which then is the same as the ones which have already been tabled by myself earlier this day, these are from again different communities. First one gives his residence as Assiniboia; nine from Regina — one whose address isn't given; one from Balcarres; another from Qu'Appelle; two more from Regina; one from Stoughton. These are different communities to be sure. Two from Pense, and the last two, Mr. Speaker, are from Regina.

This petition, Mr. Speaker, is — while on the same subject matter, I see now that I have it — this petition is a different

comment about the same subject so I presume I should go through it more so than the last couple. I just read this I guess, since it's a new petition — read the prayer, yes.

To the Honorable The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in Legislature assembled:

The Petition of the undersigned Petitioners of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly Sheweth:

That we oppose the Provincial Government's proposed enforcement of the seven percent p.s.t. beyond that which has been previously levied. Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that your Honour Assembly (typo there, I guess) . . . your (honourable) Assembly may be pleased to refuse to extend the P.S.T. to goods and services which have not previously been subject to tax. (and then of course concludes with the concluding prayer) And as in duty bound, you Petitioner will ever pray.

Again these are . . . I recognize these addresses because in fact I grew up in Moose Jaw. There are some from north Moose Jaw and some from south Moose Jaw. And I suppose if one goes on the new map some of these would actually be in Thunder Creek; some from Coronach, three actually from Coronach. The rest I think are from Moose Jaw.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

(1100)

**Mr. Shillington:** — The next petition is in the same form, Mr. Speaker. By that now, we've now presented two different kinds of petitions. By that I mean that . . . when I say it's in the same form, I mean it's in the same form as the last petition. Thus they're protesting the tax.

Those who signed it . . . it helps that I grew up in this district. One is from Eyebrow. Yes there's a fair number of people in Thunder Creek who are upset . . . from Moose Jaw, and I recognize some of these names, and they're actually from Thunder Creek; they're in the Moose Jaw district.

**The Speaker:** — Order, order, order. Make your comments brief. The matter . . . the debate on where they may or may not live is not legitimate. And I know the hon. member realizes that. Make your comments brief and present the petition.

**Mr. Shillington:** — Okay. I wasn't . . . debate where they're coming from. It's not easy sometimes — it's not clear. These I think are all from Moose Jaw — about half from Moose Jaw and about half, I would think, from the Thunder Creek riding which is in effect the district of Moose Jaw, the farming district of Moose Jaw.

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. Order, order, order. I ask all hon. members to simply allow the member on his feet to make his presentation.

**Mr. Shillington:** — I have another petition, Mr. Speaker. As was the case with the previous two petitions, while I might be concerned about the government's passing this after the mandate's running out, that's not what they say.

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. The hon. member said that it's a petition similar to the previous two. I remind you that I've asked you to read the prayer only once.

**Mr. Shillington:** — Okay, I'm wrapping up, Mr. Speaker. I only have three left.

Those who signed come from actually four different ridings. There are some from Moose Jaw — actually some from Moose Jaw North and Moose Jaw South. There are others from Thunder Creek riding; they just live in the district in Moose Jaw. There is one from Assiniboia and one from Rockglen.

I have, Mr. Speaker, a further petition addressed to this Legislative Assembly, in the same form as the latter few which I have presented, which state that the tax is damaging.

**The Speaker:** — Now I've reminded the hon. member two or three times, if he refuses to abide by my request I will simply go to the next member. Now if they refer to the same prayer again, you're going to repeat the same prayer again, I'm going to go to the next member. I'm telling you this, sir.

**Mr. Shillington:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. These petitioners come from Moose Jaw, both the north and south side of Moose Jaw. They come from Rockglen, obviously a rural person; post office box something of Moose Jaw, obviously a rural person. The rest are from Moose Jaw.

I think this is the last petition, Mr. Speaker. Again . . .

**An Hon. Member:** — Or the last one you might have.

**Mr. Shillington:** — Yes, the last one which I will present today.

These signatories are from — just give me a second, I'll do this as quickly as I can — district of Moose Jaw, live in the area south of Moose Jaw. I think all the rest are from the city of Moose Jaw — no they aren't, there are some others from Thunder Creek. So they're partially divided between Moose Jaw and the district around Moose Jaw.

I thank you for your indulgence, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Romanow:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 11, I rise to present today a series of petitions, and I'll do my best to stick within your guide-lines, sir.

The first petition which I have here in part is directed as follows:

To the Honourable The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in legislature assembled:  
The petition of the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly Sheweth:  
That the Provincial Government does not have a mandate from the people of Saskatchewan to

impose the major tax increase which would result from its proposed provincial GST.

And those people who have signed this petition, Mr. Speaker, come from, on this particular petition, from Regina exclusively.

The second petition which I have . . . oh, I guess I should table it now, do I?

**An Hon. Member:** — Table it and sign it.

**Mr. Romanow:** — Okay, I'm sorry about that. Thank you.

The second petition, Mr. Speaker, talks about the same issue, and it is made up of petitioners from Broadview, Regina Beach, and there is one other name which I cannot read. But they're basically Broadview . . . a substantial number from Broadview and Regina Beach.

Mr. Speaker, this third petition which I have on this issue of the mandate or the lack of mandate by the government opposite is signed by people who I believe in this case are from Pilot Butte and Regina.

Mr. Speaker, the next petition which I have, also protesting the lack of mandate from the government opposite, comes from a number of signatories who are located in Danbury, Saskatchewan; Sturgis, Saskatchewan; Preeceville, Saskatchewan; Endeavour, Saskatchewan; Sturgis — oh, I'm sorry, I mentioned Sturgis — Tisdale, Saskatchewan; a very wide-ranging representation of communities, Mr. Speaker.

Now this next petition, Mr. Speaker, deals with the question of the mandate, and as it well . . . as well, I'm sorry, it asks for a prayer of relief, which I'll just very briefly read. It says:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to urge the Provincial Government (opposite) to stop the provincial GST until the people of the province have an opportunity to pass judgement on it in a provincial election.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

This petition, Mr. Speaker, is signed by the people from the communities of Prince Albert, Buffalo Narrows, La Ronge, Birch Hills. There are several from each of these communities, and they protest the mandate and urge delay until the voters decide. I am going to sign it and table this. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, the next one is in the same direction as the previous, objecting to the lack of mandate and urging the judgement of the people first in a . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. Order. Order, sir. Order, sir. I must also remind you, hon. sir, to abide by the ruling that the prayer be read only once.

(1115)



**Mr. Romanow:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was not reading the prayer; I was just simply identifying this petition to be the same as the others on the issue of mandate and an election — but I'm not reading the prayer. And if you want me to shorten that up, I'll try my best to do so.

These petitioners are from Prairie River, Tisdale, Carrot River, Archerwill, Arborfield, and several others from Tisdale.

Mr. Speaker, I am not going to read the preamble or make a speech, just simply to identify that this petition also concerns itself with the lack of mandate and urges an election first. And the signatories are from Tisdale, Bjorkdale, Shaunavon, Star City, Mistatim, and Prairie River.

This next petition, Mr. Speaker, is the same. And it represents the names and contains the names of signatories from Saskatoon — from Melfort and Saskatoon.

This petition is the same in essence as the previous ones — the lack of mandate and the election first. And the signatories here seem to come, Mr. Speaker, from what I can see, the community of Saskatoon in total.

Mr. Speaker, this next petition deals with the issue which has been the subject of the petitions so far. And these are names of people from Regina and from Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, again I have just two more to table here. This one deals as well with the lack of mandate and urging the province to have an opportunity to pass judgement in an election. The petitioners here come from Mistatim — all of them.

And the final one that I have, Mr. Speaker, for today, is a petition which again has the same prayer about mandate and the matter of an election. The petitioners here, sir, come from Saskatoon, and all of them have their home addresses. I'm not positive but I think that they're all from Saskatoon, sir. Yes, they are all from Saskatoon, so I'll just sign this as well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Tchorzewski:** — Mr. Speaker, I too rise pursuant to rule 11 to present petitions under the fundamental right of freedom of expression which is so important in our democratic system. The petitions that I present here today, Mr. Speaker, urge the provincial government to stop this provincial GST.

The people who pray in this petition for the legislature and the government in particular to do that are saying that this tax is a tax they should not have to pay, for the government's waste and mismanagement. They are saying in this petition, Mr. Speaker, that this tax is an unfair burden on people who are least able to pay. And finally, Mr. Speaker, the people are saying that this tax, which the government is trying to force through the

House, will be very destructive for the economy of Saskatchewan.

On behalf of these people therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am honoured as a member of this legislature representing the Regina constituency of Regina North East, to present these petitions so that these people may be heard, as it is their right to be heard, in this Assembly.

The first I have here, Mr. Speaker, all of the names that are signatories to this particular petition are from the city of Regina, many of them from the constituency of Regina North East. And they are from places like 849 McTavish Street, 906 Argyle Street, 2247 McDonald Street, 2668 McAra Street, 2608 Edgar Street, 870 McTavish Street, 1855 Quebec Street, 1147 Garnet Street, and 808 McTavish Street, Mr. Speaker.

I have further names, Mr. Speaker, of people who are saying to the government opposite that this Bill deserves a debate in the legislature so that their voices could be heard and their names are . . .

**The Speaker:** — I'm going to have to strictly ask the hon. members that after referring to the prayer, the initial reference, that they simply present the petition without any further references to the prayer which is tantamount to repeating the prayer.

**Mr. Tchorzewski:** — I understand, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that. I will on behalf of these people therefore go ahead to present the petition. These petitions are presented from communities such as Bengough, Weyburn, Ogema. There's Parry Park and the largest number is from Bengough and I am honoured on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, to present this petition at this time.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to present on behalf of a large number of people who also have signed the petition as I have outlined earlier. They are from, in this case, all from the city of Regina, from 1215 Argyle Street, 1343 Pasqua Street, 1688 Sangster Boulevard, 1205 Argyle Street, 1113 Gladmer Park, and 4818 Dewdney Avenue.

Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I have other petitions which I'm honoured to present. They are in large part from the city of Moose Jaw, but there are also others from Coderre, from Pense. There's a petition here from Chaplin, Saskatchewan, as I sign, Mr. Speaker, presenting this on behalf of the people who have signed this one.

Mr. Speaker, I present several more — and I will be concluding soon — more petitions. These petitions are from Regina as well as other communities. In Regina it's from 1333 Montague Street, from 205 Greer Court, from 6914 - 1st Avenue North.

There are also signatures on this petition, Mr. Speaker, from people who are living in the rural community of Lebret, from the city of Weyburn, from Pilot Butte, and one of the signatures here is from my own constituency of 3306 Jenkins Drive East.

I also am honoured, Mr. Speaker, to present these petitions on behalf of people from yet different communities. There is petitions from Moose Jaw, but also

from Tugaskes, places in Moose Jaw such as number 105 23 Woodley, 923 Alder Avenue, Box 1503, Moose Jaw — obviously people who live in the rural community and RM (rural municipality) around the city of Moose Jaw, so that they have a box number. I am honoured on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, to exercise their democratic right to be heard in this Legislative Assembly, and I at this time present this petition.

Mr. Speaker, once again I present these petitions. They are on behalf of people who are residents of 914 Caribou Street West in Moose Jaw; 902 Montgomery Street West in Moose Jaw; 82 Andre Avenue in Regina. Mr. Speaker, also from a resident in Tugaskes, as well as the community of Briercrest.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I present petitions on behalf of constituents who live in my constituency of Regina North East on 42 Fines Drive, here in the city of Regina, as well as people who live at Swift Current, the community of Shaunavon, and the city of Moose Jaw. Thank you.

I present also these petitions, Mr. Speaker, from communities which I have yet not mentioned. There are signatories here from the city of Saskatoon, from Grenfell, from Regina, and several other communities, who are saying that they are wanting that this tax not proceed, because the government does not have the mandate to proceed at this time in the dying days of its term, especially when it is not allowing a debate on this legislation, Mr. Speaker, and trying to force closure of such an important tax measure, which is going to be the biggest tax grab in the history of Saskatchewan — unnecessary because its main and only purpose is to make the people of Saskatchewan pay for the government's waste and mismanagement.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

(1130)

**Mr. Tchorzewski:** — I present here, Mr. Speaker, once again . . . Mr. Deputy Speaker now, a petition on behalf of communities which I have not mentioned prior to this. The people on this petition are from Tuxford, from Mortlach, from the city of Yorkton, and also from Moose Jaw.

I've only got about two or three to present, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and then I will pass on to someone else who may want to present petitions. The petitions I have here, Mr. Deputy Speaker, are from several people from the city of Saskatoon. There are people here from the town of Bienfait, from Bengough, Mr. Speaker, from Cabri, from Khedive, from Regina, as well as Moose Jaw.

I have two more, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and then I will be complete. The petitions I present here now are from 1623 Hastings Street in Moose Jaw, 527 Rink Avenue in Regina, from 1120 Chestnut Avenue in Moose Jaw, and several other communities throughout Saskatchewan.

And my last petitions, Mr. Deputy Speaker — and I thank you for your indulgence — is here. I am honoured to present on behalf of people from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; from Mortlach, from Cabri,

Saskatchewan; from the city of Swift Current, from the city of Saskatoon.

Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, for the opportunity to present these petitions on behalf of these citizens of Saskatchewan who are objecting to the provincial GST.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mitchell:** — Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to rule 11 to present petitions to the Assembly on behalf of residents of the province of Saskatchewan. These petitioners, in their petition, state that the provincial government does not have a mandate from the people of Saskatchewan to impose the major tax increase which would result from its proposed GST. And in their petition they pray that this Assembly may be pleased to urge the provincial government to stop the provincial GST, until the people of the province have an opportunity to pass judgement on it in a provincial election.

Now I have a petition in my hand, Mr. Speaker, that is signed by residents, for the most part, by residents of Moose Jaw. I assume it's . . .

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mitchell:** — I assume that they are from the city of Moose Jaw rather than environs, but also included in this petition are petitioners from Marquis, and from the city of Regina; and so I would like to file this petition on their behalf, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

And also presenting a petition in the same terms, Mr. Deputy Speaker, are petitioners from a number of Saskatchewan communities including Watrous, Kamsack, Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert. And the point has often been made, Mr. Speaker, about the effect of the tax on the tourism industry and we have here a petitioner . . .

**The Deputy Speaker:** — Order, order. There's no debate in the presentation of petitions.

**Mr. Mitchell:** — I accept your point, Mr. Deputy Speaker, but I did want to refer to the petitioner from Cincinnati so I needed a context for that, which is why I mentioned it.

**The Deputy Speaker:** — Order. There's no debate during the presentation of petitions. I'd ask the member to refrain from it. I'd asked the member from Regina Centre to be quiet while the Speaker's on his feet also.

**Mr. Mitchell:** — You probably couldn't hear me over the noise, Mr. Deputy Speaker, but I was acknowledging your point. And I . . .

**The Deputy Speaker:** — I asked the member to present his petitions.

**Mr. Mitchell:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to present this petition on behalf of the people who come from the communities that I have already mentioned.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mitchell:** — And a group of petitioners have also petitioned this Assembly in the same terms as I mentioned earlier. These are from a number, a large number of communities in the province of Saskatchewan including Saskatoon, again, Allan, Preeceville, my own home community of Sturgis, and they have . . . it is my honour to present this petition on behalf of these petitioners.

And I also have the honour to present a further petition in the same terms as I mentioned at the beginning of my remarks. This petition, signed from again, by residents of the province from a number of communities including Melfort and Kenaston, Prince Albert. And most of the signatures, Mr. Deputy Speaker, are from Saskatoon and most of them from the College Park area of Saskatoon including, if I may say so, Mitchell Street, in Saskatoon. On their behalf, I'd like to present this petition with the comment that the street was not named after me, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mitchell:** — And while I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I have a further petition which was signed by residents, for the most part, from the Lakeview area of Saskatoon although also including people from the Eastview area of Saskatoon. And I would like to submit this petition to the Assembly on their behalf.

I have a further petition, Mr. Deputy Speaker, again from the city of Saskatoon, and this petition is signed almost entirely by people who live on Ewart Avenue in Saskatoon, the 1900 to the 2300 block, as well as a petitioner from Cumberland Avenue. And I take special . . . I used to live on Ewart Avenue and I take pleasure in introducing their petition to this legislature.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mitchell:** — I have for submission to the legislature, Mr. Deputy Speaker, a further petition. This one is in the same terms as the previous ones that I have tabled with the legislature. And the petitioners who have subscribed their names to this petition are for the most part from Shellbrook, Mr. Deputy Speaker, as well as from Mayview and Canwood. And I want to submit on behalf of those petitioners to this legislature the petition from the people from Shellbrook.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mitchell:** — I also have a petition to submit on behalf of petitioners from a number of Saskatchewan communities. These are communities in the south-west part of the province or in the Swift Current area, Mr. Speaker, and I'll just quickly mention them. They are Ponteix, Hodgeville, Admiral, Wymark, as well as the city of Swift Current itself. And I would like to submit to this Legislative Assembly this petition on their behalf.

I now would like to submit a petition. And this one, Mr. Deputy Speaker, this petition is in the same terms as the ones that I've tabled just a few moments ago, over the last several moments. These petitioners live on the east side of Saskatoon on Eastview Avenue, which naturally is in the Eastview subdivision, as well as on Adelaide Avenue and

Waterloo Crescent and Assiniboine Drive. There is also a petitioner from Bruno. And I am honoured to be able to . . . to have been asked to present this petition to this Legislative Assembly on their behalf.

And I have a further petition, Mr. Speaker, which is in exactly the same terms as the one that I have just filed with the Clerk of the Assembly. This is signed by residents of the town of Bengough and it is my honour to file this petition with this Assembly on their behalf.

I also have a petition . . . and this one, Mr. Speaker, is in substantially the same terms as the previous ones although it is not precisely the same terms. But I think I should just identify where they're from rather than to repeat the petition, even though it is somewhat different. These petitioners are without exception from various addresses within the city of Moose Jaw and from both of the Moose Jaw constituencies. And it is my honour to file this petition on their behalf.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

(1145)

**Mr. Mitchell:** — I'm near the end of my presentation, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and I thank you for your patience. The petition that I now seek to file is in the same terms as the previous documents which I have filed. And the petitioners, who present this petition to this Legislative Assembly, are all from Saskatoon and are residents of the 600 block in Louise Place with only one exception, a woman who lives on Ball Crescent. And I present this petition on their behalf.

Now I have a petition from the city of Regina which I take special pleasure in introducing on two grounds. I have not previously had the opportunity to present on behalf of the people in Regina, and most of them are from Angus Street, Mr. Speaker, which is the street on which I lived for a time when I was a resident of the city of Regina. So it is my pleasure to introduce this petition on their behalf.

Now I just have two left, Mr. Speaker. This next petition is in the same form as most of the petitions that I've filed today. They ask the legislature . . . petition the legislature in the same terms. These petitioners are from Outlook and from Saskatoon, and the addresses that are given in Saskatoon indicate that they are from the west side of Saskatoon. And it is my honour, Mr. Deputy Speaker, to submit this petition to this Assembly on their behalf.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, I present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of Saskatchewan. This petition is in the same terms as the ones I've previously filed, and the petitioners are from a number of centres, as I said earlier. They are from Chamberlain, Coderre, Moose Jaw, and Regina. And they are petitioning this legislature in the terms indicated, and I take pleasure in filing it with this Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for your patience in allowing me to present those petitions on behalf of the various people who have signed them from various Saskatchewan communities and from Cincinnati. Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Upshall:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I didn't know if the member for Weyburn wanted to speak or not, Mr. Speaker, but I'll carry on — I'll carry on, Mr. Speaker.

I rise pursuant to rule 11, Mr. Speaker, to present petitions to this Assembly on behalf of many, many people. These people are very upset with the tactics used by the government upon implementing the new provincial goods and services tax — in fact implementing is a kind word — thrusting and jamming and ramming this tax through.

**The Deputy Speaker:** — Order. No debate on the petition. I'd ask the member to present his petitions.

**Mr. Upshall:** — Yes, Mr. Speaker, I guess what I was trying to do is express their feelings. So I carry on.

These people, and I'll just read the last part of the prayer as they intended to have it put forward:

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to urge the provincial government to stop the provincial GST until the people of this province have an opportunity to pass judgement, (I find those words rather interesting) in a provincial election.

Now these people come from many areas of the province. On this particular petition the people from Prince Albert have signed. In fact it appears that most of the people are from one street in Prince Albert. They have asked us to present this petition because they feel so strongly about this tax, and I will do that on their behalf right now, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, protesting the same government actions. These people come from Sherwood Estates. Is that in Regina?

**An Hon. Member:** — I beg your pardon?

**Mr. Upshall:** — Sherwood Estates?

**An Hon. Member:** — Yes.

**Mr. Upshall:** — In Regina. And one from Moose Jaw. One from Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker. And I guess the rest of the people would . . . no, one from Glencairn. These people too . . .

**The Deputy Speaker:** — Order, order, order. The member for Regina Centre, Regina Wascana, and Meadow Lake, I'd ask them to allow the member from Humboldt to present his petitions.

**Mr. Upshall:** — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. As I was saying, these people, by signing these petitions, have asked us to place them on the Table on their behalf in order that they might have their democratic voice heard in the procedure to stop this unfair provincial action by implementing this tax.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have further petitioners who have

asked to have their protest registered by submission of these petitions to the Assembly in this province. These people are too from the . . . most of them are from the city of Prince Albert. I see there's one from Mistatim, one from Domremy, and one from La Ronge who have asked us on their behalf to register their complaints against the government for trying to implement this unfair tax. So I will do that now, Mr. Deputy Speaker, by signing this petition.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Upshall:** — Again, Mr. Deputy Speaker, we have several petitioners who have asked us to present the legislature with their protest to this provincial GST. They have signed this petition exercising their democratic rights. They have given it to us to present. And these people are from, I presume it's Regina, yes Regina. In fact they're all from Regina, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and from one part of Regina it would appear. So on behalf of these people I am pleased to present this petition to the Assembly in order that they may have their voices heard in a democracy.

(1200)

Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I here have another . . . I don't know if you can hear me, Mr. Speaker, but I can hardly hear myself.

I have a petition that is in not the same form as the previous petitions I have been presenting. And in order to make sure that I present the wishes of the people accurately I will go through the new prayer because I suppose it's just right that they signed it, and I'm going to present it the way they had signed it. And it's different from the other ones, so I will proceed to do that now:

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in the legislature assembled:

The petition of the undersigned petitioners of the province of Saskatchewan humbly sheweth:

That we oppose the provincial government's proposed enforcement of the 7 per cent PST beyond that which has been previously levied.

Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays that your honour Assembly may be pleased to refuse to extend the PST to goods and services which have not previously been subject to tax.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners we ever pray.

Again that is very close along the same lines what the other petition said, Mr. Speaker. But in order to ensure that the people who signed this petition got the wording put forward as they signed it, I had to repeat that. And again all they're saying is this government should not put ahead this tax in such a heavy-handed manner — in fact shouldn't put it forward at all.

The people here are from Moose Jaw, Lumsden. I guess they're all from Moose Jaw except for one who is from Lumsden. So on behalf of these people from Moose Jaw and Lumsden I want to present to the legislature their protest against this heavy-handed tactic and tax this government has inflicted upon the people of this

province.

This petition, Mr. Speaker, is the same as the last petition I presented, so I will not go through the prayer. These people too are asking that we present to this Legislative Assembly their concern about this new provincial PST and ask us to present this petition in order that the government may stop proceeding with the Bill on the new tax.

These people are from Moose Jaw. I believe, Mr. Speaker, all these people are from . . . no there's one from Brownlee. But all except for one are from Moose Jaw. On behalf of these people I am very pleased to have their democratic rights carried out by presenting to the Assembly this petition protesting their grave concern about the tactics of this government imposing this new tax.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I have a petition in the same form as the previous two. These petitioners are exercising their rights through petitioning the government in the legislature. These people are from Findlater, Crane Valley, Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Wilcox, and Limerick. These people have asked us to present through this Legislative Assembly to the government a petition showing that they oppose the government's tactics of imposing this new tax. And by presenting this petition, Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to bring forward the wishes of these petitioners to the government to show just how important it is to them that they stop the tax.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I again have a petition signed by several people from the province of Saskatchewan who also have asked that we present this petition on their behalf . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order. I have indicated earlier that the prayer to the petition be read once and then the petition presented. Therefore I remind the hon. member of that request and ask him to adhere to it.

**Mr. Upshall:** — Certainly, Mr. Speaker. The prayer on this petition is the same as the last one, and I am just pleased to present it on behalf of people from Moose Jaw, Glendale, and I guess the rest of them are from the city of Moose Jaw.

I am pleased to present this petition to the legislature on behalf of these people, Mr. Speaker, who are using their democratic right through petition to voice their opinions.

This next petition, Mr. Speaker, is in the form of one of the earlier petitions, but not the last few that I have presented. This petition again says that the people who are below signed — and I won't read the prayer — are asking the government to stop the provincial GST. As I stated previously when presenting a petition of this type to the Assembly, these people feel it's unfair and therefore they have exercised their democratic right to petition the government through the legislature.

And I am pleased to present on behalf of these people from . . . again I believe all these people are from Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker; in fact many of them are from the same street. So on behalf of these people, I am pleased to put

forward their names to the legislature so that they may have their voice heard by the government who is imposing this very heavy-handed and unfair tax.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I have a petition here from the many people in the province of Saskatchewan who have asked that their voice be heard. I will present this petition proudly on their behalf in order that the rules and procedures of the Assembly are upheld.

(1215)

These people are from Moose Jaw again. Yes I believe they are all from Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker. And these people are asking that the provincial government stop this provincial GST. They're asking that because they feel they have no mandate to do so. They are writing on this petition because they feel it is very unfair that in this province, this government has any right to put forward a tax at this time.

So I will proudly on behalf of these people present this petition to let them put their names forward to join with the others to petition the government to stop this tax.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from many people from the province of Saskatchewan. This time these people are from Prince Albert; I believe they are all from Prince Albert. They have presented this petition to us to present to this legislature, thereby exercising their rights to have their voice heard in a democracy.

And I'm very pleased on behalf of these people who are protesting this huge tax increase, to aid them in their attempt to be heard. And I will present this petition to the legislature now on their behalf.

**The Speaker:** — Order. I wish to bring to the hon. member's attention rule no. 11(4) which states that:

Members presenting petitions shall be answerable that they do not contain impertinent or improper matter.

They are responsible that the petitions are in order when they get here with the petitions. The members do not have the right to use large amounts of time signing petitions, don't have the right to do that. You have the right to present them. You don't have the right to use large amounts of time as you have been doing signing each petition. If the hon. member persists, I'm going to have to move to another member.

**Mr. Upshall:** — Well thank you, Mr. Speaker, I was simply putting the wording in the proper language of the legislature, I believe. And I appreciate your ruling and I will certainly try to comply with that because I know how important it is for the rules of this House to be maintained and I will continue.

This petition, Mr. Speaker, is from many people from the province of Saskatchewan. Again I believe they are all from Prince Albert, most of them from one section of Prince Albert. These people have presented their petitions to us so that we could present it to the Assembly in order that their voice might be heard protesting an

action by the government.

I am very pleased and proud, Mr. Speaker, to on behalf of these people present this petition in order that their democratic voice might be heard in the province of Saskatchewan, hopefully making some adjustments to what's going on.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Upshall:** — I assume that's fast enough to sign it, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — I'm going to make it clear to the hon. member that I will not give him any further time to stand and sign petitions. It is the hon. member's responsibility to make certain that the petition he brings into the House is in order.

And there is no provision in the rules for hon. members to use up inordinate amounts of time signing petitions. They must make . . . The rule (4) here indicates what they must be. They must know that the petition is in order when they bring it to the House.

**An Hon. Member:** — When did it come into practice? It's for two and a half hours; now it's a new rule.

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. The hon. member for Elphinstone from his chair says it's a new rule. It's not a new rule. It's rule 11(4) of our standing orders.

**Mr. Upshall:** — Mr. Speaker . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order, order. That's the rule. And I recognize the hon. member from Humboldt but I will not give him the opportunity to sign petition after petition after petition and use up large amounts of the House's time. I'm telling you that now, sir.

**An Hon. Member:** — On a point of order.

**The Speaker:** — There is no point of order . . .

**An Hon. Member:** — It's not on the issue that you ruled.

**The Speaker:** — If it's not on the issue of the ruling, then you cannot ask a point of order until some intervening procedure has taken place.

**An Hon. Member:** — I have a question, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** — There is no point of order, as I have indicated to the hon. member for Regina Elphinstone.

**Mr. Upshall:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another petition here that again is in a different form, I believe. Yes it is a different form than the other petitions. Mr. Speaker, okay, I have another petition here that is in . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. Let us allow the hon. member for Humboldt to proceed.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Upshall:** — Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here,

Mr. Speaker, that is again in different language than the previous . . . I've already presented two different languages. So in order that I am sure that I am presenting the petition as the petitioners signed it, I will just read through the prayer because it's a different one. I believe that was the ruling earlier.

So on behalf of these people, it says:

To the Honorable The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in Legislature assembled:

The Petition of the undersigned Petitioners of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly Sheweth:

That we oppose the Provincial Governments proposed enforcement of the seven per cent p.s.t. beyond that which has been previously levied.

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that your (Honourable) Assembly may be pleased to refuse to extend the P.S.T. to goods and services which have not previously been subject to (the) tax.

As in duty bound, you petitioner will ever pray.

So I just say that, Mr. Speaker, in order that I am relaying the message that these people signed to this Assembly in the proper manner.

Mr. Speaker, these people protesting this tax are from Keeler, Moose Jaw, North Battleford . . . Moose Jaw, yes, Keeler, Moose Jaw, North Battleford. So on behalf of these people, Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to present their signatures to this legislature in order that they too may have their voice heard in the democracy in which we live. Now I've signed it.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Upshall:** — Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to present these petitions on behalf of these petitioners, and in order that this Assembly may serve the public of Saskatchewan in this manner.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to rise pursuant to rule 11 to present petitions to the Assembly on behalf of residents of Saskatchewan. And all of these petitioners are urging the government to reverse its decision to impose the 7 per cent GST. I want to read the prayer at the heading of the petition, Mr. Speaker, that I am going to present, and the prayer goes like this. I quote:

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in legislature assembled:

The petition of the undersigned residents of the province of Saskatchewan humbly sheweth:

That the Provincial Government does not have a mandate from the people of Saskatchewan to impose the major tax increase which would result from its proposed provincial GST.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to urge the Provincial Government to stop the provincial GST until the people of (Saskatchewan) have an opportunity to pass judgement on it in a provincial election.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — And the final sentence in the prayer says:

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

So you can see, Mr. Speaker, that these petitions are drawn up in the form as required.

The first petition that I will be presenting, Mr. Speaker, was signed by residents in the Shellbrook-Torch River constituency. There are three or four of them that come from rural Prince Albert. There's one, two, two of them had come from Canwood, one from Shellbrook, one or two from Christopher Lake. There's a signature here from a person in Albertville. There's a signature here from Foxford, one from Meath Park, one from Smeaton, and two from Paddockwood. I'm going to then present this petition on behalf of these people in the Shellbrook-Torch River constituency, Mr. Speaker.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

(1230)

**The Speaker:** — Order. I'm going to ask the hon. member to present his petitions. He may sign the petitions at any location he wants, but I will not use up the time of this House any further with hon. members signing petitions.

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will expedite the signature to the best of my ability.

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition here with the same prayer as the petition previous. This petition then is also signed by people who are opposed to the provincial GST. This petition comes from residents of Regina and most of them in this case come from Argyle Street. In fact when I look at the numbers, it appears that everybody on that street signed this petition. So I will be presenting this petition.

This next petition, Mr. Speaker, is signed by 11 people directly from the city of Prince Albert and one from the rural area of Prince Albert. And they are all signing the petition which asks the government not to impose the provincial GST.

**The Speaker:** — I'm going to once more remind the hon. member that as I have just noted a moment ago, that I will not permit the hon. members using up the time of the House signing petitions when they have ample opportunity to sign petitions at any time.

**An Hon. Member:** — You won't accept them otherwise.

**The Speaker:** — Order, order, order. It's the member's responsibility when he comes to the House to make sure that petitions are in order.

**An Hon. Member:** — But we can't change that in the middle of a presentation.

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. Order, order. Order. Order. It's up to the hon. members when they enter the

Chambers that the petitions are in order.

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I'll be able to handle it. I was able to sign a couple of them while you were making your ruling.

Mr. Speaker, the petition that I'm presenting is in the same format as the petitions previous. All of these residents who have signed this petition are asking and urging the provincial government to stop the provincial GST.

And the residents who have signed this petition come from northern Saskatchewan, most of them from the constituency of Shellbrook-Torch River. There are two signatures here from the Buckland area north of Prince Albert, one from Canwood — I make an error here. There's one from Hague, which is just north of Saskatoon, four directly from . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . That's from the Rosthern constituency. Four from Prince Albert and two from Shell Lake. So I hereby present this petition, Mr. Speaker.

**An Hon. Member:** — That's all right. You can change the rules all you want, interpret them whatever way you want, to the best advantage of the government. Stomp on the opposition; that's the rule.

**The Speaker:** — Order, order. The hon. member from Regina Elphinstone is accusing the Chair of siding with the government. Those were his exact words. Now the hon. member — I will ask the hon. member to rise and apologize for that statement.

**Mr. Lingenfelter:** — Mr. Speaker, I apologize.

**The Speaker:** — Also I should also like to make a further statement. It is not appreciated. Those types of remarks are not appreciated, not at all, and they're totally baseless and incorrect.

Let me read this short statement. In this business of parliamentary tactics, a balance must be maintained. I as Speaker have a difficult responsibility to pay due regard to this balance. And for the benefit of members, I think it would be worthwhile for me to quote Josef Redlich, a renowned parliamentary authority, who wrote on how a Speaker is to serve both the minority and the majority. And I quote:

By maintaining the rules and the usage of centuries and by taking care that both the majority and minority are not impeded in the use of the forces and weapons which the order of business provides for strong and weak, protection of the majority against obstruction and protection of a minority against oppression are both alike functions of the Chair.

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And thank you for the clarification.

I have an additional petition that I wish to present to the legislature. I have signed this petition, Mr. Speaker . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order, order. Order.

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This petition is of the same format as the petitions that I've signed . . . presented previously. This petition is signed by residents of Christopher Lake, Paddockwood. There are two people from Montreal Lake as well, from the reserve in Montreal Lake, that have signed this petition. But all of these come from the constituency of Shellbrook-Torch River and I hereby present this petition.

The next petition that I have to present, Mr. Speaker, is in this similar format, exactly the same format as the previous ones, all of them being opposed and requesting that the petition be presented because they are opposed to the implementation of the 7 per cent GST.

All of the citizens on this particular petition are from the town of Albertville.

**An Hon. Member:** — Where is that?

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — Immediately north of Prince Albert, Mr. Speaker. All of them, Albertville being in the constituency of Shellbrook-Torch River, and I'm proud to present this petition on behalf of these residents of the town of Albertville.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — Mr. Speaker, the next petition that I have to present is a petition which was signed by residents of Moose Jaw. They are urging that the provincial government stop the implementation of the provincial GST. And these residents, Mr. Speaker, have come from I believe the constituency of Moose Jaw South. So I hereby present this petition to the legislature.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — This next petition, Mr. Speaker, was signed by people who were walking into a mall in Regina . . .

**The Speaker:** — Order, order, order. That information is totally extraneous to the petition and I ask you to not continue with it.

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — This petition was signed by residents of Regina, Mr. Speaker, and they all urge the provincial government to stop the provincial GST.

**The Speaker:** — Order. Now I have reminded hon. members that they are not to keep repeating the prayer. I am going to inform the hon. member for Prince Albert that if he persists in doing this, I'll move to the next member.

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — I appreciate your ruling, Mr. Speaker, and I will try to . . . I will abide by it, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased and honoured, Mr. Speaker, to present this petition on behalf of these residents, these 12 residents of Regina who are against the . . .

**An Hon. Member:** — We could have had those done by . . . if we hadn't had so many interruptions.

**The Speaker:** — My friend, the hon. member for Regina Centre, is complaining about interruptions.

Unfortunately he's the most guilty, and I would like to ask him not to interfere.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Kowalsky:** — So I'm proud, Mr. Speaker, to present this petition on their behalf.

The next petition that I have to present, Mr. Speaker, is written in the same format. It's been signed by people from the constituencies of . . . I think almost all of them of Shellbrook-Torch River. They are four signatures from the town of Canwood. There's one signature from the city of Saskatoon, two from the town of Victoire, two from Debden, and another one from Canwood. I'm proud to present this petition on behalf of these citizens who are urging the government to drop the unfair GST.

**The Speaker:** — I'm going to move to the next member. I have informed the hon. member that if he persists I'll move to the next member. Next member.

**Mr. Solomon:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to rule 11 of this Assembly to present a petition on behalf of a number of Saskatchewan citizens. And the prayer of the petition is as follows:

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in the legislature assembled:

The petition of the undersigned residents of the province of Saskatchewan humbly sheweth:

That the provincial government does not have a mandate from the people of Saskatchewan to impose the major tax increase which would result from its proposed provincial GST (the goods and services tax).

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to urge the provincial government to stop the provincial GST until the people of the province have an opportunity to pass judgement on it in a provincial election.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, the citizens on this petition are from mostly my constituency of Regina North West in the neighbourhoods of Lakeridge, Normanview West, Westhill, and Maple Ridge. And, Mr. Speaker, they are people who have come to sign this petition in my office and I am very pleased to present this petition to the Assembly on behalf of my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I have other petitioners who have signed this petition from the community of Pense which is located in the Qu'Appelle-Lumsden constituency; from Regina Beach which is located in the Qu'Appelle-Lumsden constituency; and from the neighbourhood in the constituency of Regina North West called Normanview, which is the heart of my riding. And these individuals, Mr. Speaker, have asked me to present this petition on their behalf and it is my honour and privilege and joy to do so.

(1245)

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!



**Mr. Solomon:** — Mr. Speaker, I have additional petitioners from my constituency, from different neighbourhoods that I've previously outlined. These individuals have signed this petition. They are from the neighbourhood of Walsh Acres which is just north of 9th Avenue North. They are from Sherwood Estates and McCarthy Park, two neighbourhoods with very young people in them, and the neighbourhood of Lakewood.

And also some petitioners, Mr. Speaker, from the constituency of Regina South, from Albert Park South. I am very pleased to see these people from the north end and the south end join in signing this petition, and I'm honoured to present it to this Assembly today, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have other petitioners from different communities and different parts of the province I'd wish to present to the Assembly this moment. They are from Asquith, Saskatchewan; they are from Marcelin, Saskatchewan; they are from Simpson, Saskatchewan. They are from three or four different neighbourhoods in the city of Saskatoon. And, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition on behalf of both the urban petitioners and the rural petitioners from the communities that I've just mentioned.

Mr. Speaker, I have other petitioners who support the prayer as I read out at the beginning. They are from again the constituency of Regina North West. They come from the neighbourhoods of McCarthy Park, from Walsh Acres, from Normanview West, from Lakewood, and from Sherwood Estates. And again, Mr. Speaker, they are joining with the thousands and thousands of people across this province and have asked me to present on their behalf, and I am honoured to do so, Mr. Speaker, to this Assembly in support of the prayer of the petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from citizens from a number of locations in Saskatchewan. I have petitioners who have signed from the community of Allan, Saskatchewan; from Watrous; from Dundurn, Saskatchewan, which I believe is in the member from Rosthern's constituency; and we have them from the Minister of Education's constituency as well.

So we have here, Mr. Speaker, again both rural and urban people signing in unity this petition, and I am very honoured to present said petition to this Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have other petitions, other petitioners from the districts in Regina, South Albert Park, which is in the constituency from the Conservative member from Regina South. They have joined with petitioners on this petition, Mr. Speaker, from the community of Hillsdale in Regina, which is in the south end, with the citizens of Regina Lakeview and again citizens from the northern part of the city, which is in my constituency of Regina North West, Regent Park neighbourhood, and Walsh Acres neighbourhood. Mr. Speaker, again they have joined from the south end of the city and the north end of the city to sign the said petition. I am honoured to present this to Assembly on their behalf.

Not only have the citizens of Regina from north and south signed similar petitions, I have others, Mr. Speaker, who have asked me in this Assembly to make their views known through this petition. Citizens from northern Saskatchewan, the community of Meadow Lake, which is in the Deputy Premier's constituency; the community of Kenaston, which is in the riding of Arm River; the community of Hanley and of course the community of Saskatoon and two or three parts of Saskatoon.

Again we have both rural and urban citizens of the province of Saskatchewan wishing to have their prayer heard in this Assembly, Mr. Speaker. It is my duty and my honour to make this presentation on their behalf in this Assembly this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I have other names on the said petition representing a host of different neighbourhoods and communities in the southern part of Saskatchewan — White City, which is located in the riding of Qu'Appelle-Lumsden, the Minister of Justice's constituency; from Zehner, which is also located in the constituency of Qu'Appelle-Lumsden; from Craven, Mr. Speaker, and that's in the riding of Last Mountain-Touchwood; and from the neighbourhoods in Regina of Albert Park, of the communities in north-west Regina, Normanview, Normanview West, and Lakewood.

Mr. Speaker, they have joined . . . both rural and urban members have lent their name to this petition and have asked me to present it on their behalf. Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and certainly my privilege to place this petition on the Table on their behalf.

Mr. Speaker, I have other petitioners who have signed the said petition. They are from the communities of Regina Beach, which is just north-west of Regina, from Balgonie, which is located . . . both those communities are located in the constituency of Qu'Appelle-Lumsden, from Whitmore Park and Albert Park, districts that are represented in this House by the member from Regina South who sits on the government side. Again, Mr. Speaker, both rural and urban individuals and citizens of this province who have asked me to make representations on their behalf to this Legislative Assembly, and I am privileged to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition with signatories on it from Sedley, Saskatchewan and from the communities in Regina North, Coronation Park, and in my constituency, Regina North West, Normanview. Again we see a combination of rural and urban citizens signing the same petition requesting the same prayer as was read out at the commencement of my remarks. I am honoured, Mr. Speaker, to present this to the Assembly this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I have further residents of Saskatchewan who have signed this said petition. They are from the community of White City which is located in a rural constituency called Qu'Appelle-Lumsden, represented by the member, Minister of Justice; and from citizens from the city of Regina, both in the north-west and in the central part of the city.

Again we see the joining of rural residents and urban

residents who have signed this petition in opposition to the item referred to earlier, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased on their behalf to present this petition.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Solomon:** — Mr. Speaker, additional residents of Saskatchewan who have signed this petition are from the community of Unity, which is in the constituency of Wilkie. The town of Wilkie where I have an aunt living — this is not her signature though. The community of Esterhazy, the communities of Prince Albert and Saskatoon.

And the constituency of Lumsden. The town of Lumsden again, Mr. Speaker, we see a joining of urban residents and rural residents uniting in signing this petition which they feel is very important to come before this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this petition to the Assembly on their behalf.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Solomon:** — Mr. Speaker, I have additional signatures of residents from the province of Saskatchewan. There is a consensus from these communities, Mr. Speaker, from the communities of Grand Coulee, from Pense and Lumsden, which are all three located in the riding of Qu'Appelle-Lumsden, a rural district; from South Albert Park, once again; Whitmore Park, Wascana View, and the Pilot Butte community from Qu'Appelle-Lumsden; and the neighbourhood of Lakewood which is in my constituency, Mr. Speaker.

Again, they are co-operating in uniting behind this petition, have asked myself to present it to the Assembly on their behalf. I am pleased and honoured to do so, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by a number of residents of the province of Saskatchewan. They represent the communities of Lashburn, which is in the Cut Knife-Lloydminster constituency. They reside in Dundurn, Mr. Speaker, which I believe is in Rosthern; Allan, Saskatchewan; they come from Clavet and also from the city of Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker.

These individuals have united in their position with respect to supporting this petition. They have asked our party and our opposition caucus to present to the Assembly so that they could be heard, Mr. Speaker. It is my honour, my duty, and my joy once again to present on their behalf, this petition. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have . . .

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Solomon:** — Mr. Speaker, I have another . . . additional to what I've already indicated, Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which is worded differently. The prayer is different from the ones I've previously read into the record and I, with your co-operation, I would like to read into the record if I may, sir.

To the Honourable The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in Legislature assembled:

The Petition of the under signed Petitioners of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly Sheweth:

That we oppose the Provincial Governments proposed enforcement (I believe they spelled enforcement wrong, I'm not sure if that deletes the petition) of the seven percent p.s.t. beyond that which has been previously levied.

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that your Honor Assembly may be pleased to refuse to extend the P.S.T. to goods and services which have not previously been subject to tax.

Mr. Speaker, these petitioners reside in Moose Jaw city in the Moose Jaw constituencies. They reside in the communities of Coderre and in the communities of Caron and in the community of Parkbeg. They come from Chamberlain, Mr. Speaker, which is I believe in Arm River. And they come from other communities in and around the city of Moose Jaw.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and my privilege to present to this Assembly on behalf of the residents of Saskatchewan who have signed this petition to make their intentions in their prayer known to the Government of Saskatchewan.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Solomon:** — Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which is worded as was the first petition was worded. It is signed by residents of Regina from two districts in Regina. And they have asked me to present on their behalf to present this petition to the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to do so. These are residents of Regina North West.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Solomon:** — And, Mr. Speaker, finally I have a petition which is signed by a number of individuals from the city of Regina. And it is my honour, Mr. Speaker, to present this on behalf of the residents of Regina — many in my constituency, some from the constituency of Regina South and Regina Wascana. I present this petition on behalf of these people, Mr. Speaker, to this Assembly.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

The Assembly adjourned at 1 p.m.