

The Assembly met at 2 p.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Mr. Hagel: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 11, it is my privilege to present to this Legislative Assembly today a series of petitions that come from people all across the province of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, are asking for the provincial government to withdraw its legislation providing for the introduction of the provincial GST (goods and services tax) and not proceeding until it has the mandate to go forward with this proposed tax by calling a provincial election.

For the information of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, let me read the prayer to the Assembly:

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.

Mr. Speaker, these petitioners that I present now are from . . . all of them are from Regina. I see petitioners here, Mr. Speaker, from Forget Street, Dale Crescent, Demarco Drive. And on their behalf and in defence of the democratic right of Saskatchewan people to petition their government, it is my honour to present them to this Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hagel: — Mr. Speaker, it is a special privilege for me to present this next petition all of which, or the bulk of which, Mr. Speaker, come from my home community of Moose Jaw. I see in addition to those listing as their address Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker, there are petitioners here from the town of Mossbank, from the city of Estevan, from Bengough. And, Mr. Speaker, there are also some here from Hall Street East in Moose Jaw.

On their behalf, Mr. Speaker — with the same prayer — it is my privilege to extend their wishes to their provincial government by way of petition to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, these petitioners with the same prayer urging that the provincial GST not proceed without an election are all from the city of Regina, and these come from streets such as Argyle and Queen and Princess, Mr. Speaker. And on their behalf, I present their petition to their provincial government in this their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I present another petition. These people are from Moose Jaw and area, I'm pleased to see, Mr. Speaker. I see petitioners again with the same prayer as

previously mentioned. Mr. Speaker, these petitioners come from communities like Mortlach and from all across . . . Craik as well, Briercrest, and Assiniboia, Tompkins, and then the remainder of these petitioners are from Moose Jaw, various parts of Moose Jaw, from both constituencies within Moose Jaw, from Bogue Avenue, Athabasca Street East, Fairford Street, and several that just simply list their address as Moose Jaw. I recognize several of these people, Mr. Speaker. And it is a privilege for me to present their wishes to this their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to present another petition on behalf of residents; these are all residents from the city of Regina. It looks as though this is a petition that was completed by somebody going up and down the street, Mr. Speaker, as they come from Connaught and also from 4th Avenue here in Regina — and with the same prayer, Mr. Speaker, urging that the provincial GST not proceed without an election call. It is my honour to present their wishes to this their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure again to introduce to this Assembly another petition which is largely made up of constituents from my home community of Moose Jaw, as well as petitioners who have signed this from the city of Regina. However I'm very pleased that the large majority of these, some 20 or 25 petitioners, Mr. Speaker, are from the city of Moose Jaw, to make their wishes known to this their Legislative Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Swenson: — I wonder if I might have leave of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, to introduce guests.

Leave granted.

The Speaker: — Agreed, and I believe it's fair to say that we'll continue the same format as previous days and leave will be granted to all who wish to introduce guests.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Hon. Mr. Swenson: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and to the member for Moose Jaw North for allowing me to interrupt his petitioning.

Mr. Speaker, it's with a great deal of pleasure today that I have a number of introductions to the Assembly. This week and earlier this day I had the opportunity to proclaim Mining Week in Saskatchewan. I have a couple of guests in the west gallery who I'd like to introduce to the members of the Assembly and I would ask them to stand.

We have Dave Kelland who is with IMC Canada (International Minerals and Chemical Corporation (Canada) Ltd.) and is their chairman and chief executive officer for IMC Canada. And with him is Pearce Bowman who is the past president of the Saskatchewan Mining Association and is the vice-president of Estevan Coal company.

These two gentlemen have been instrumental in working with the Saskatchewan Mining Association and bringing

it forward, educating the public of our province of what an important industry mining is in this province. And they will be working with many people around the province as we go through this week, culminating in the mine safety competitions next Saturday, I believe, in Estevan.

So I would ask all members of the Assembly to join with me in welcoming our two guests from the Saskatchewan Mining Association.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Swenson: — While I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct honour today to have a class from Central Butte High School in your gallery, Mr. Speaker. They are 18 in number and they're visiting the legislature today as part of their tour of Regina. They have with them their teacher Mr. Ron Wostradowski, and bus driver Brenda Berry.

I hope you enjoy your stay in the Assembly. It is probably a little different than what you expected, but I will look forward to meeting with you a little later for pictures and a refreshment and to discuss some of the things that you've seen or heard while you were in here.

So I would ask all members of the Assembly to please help me welcome the students from Central Butte.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Solomon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Energy and Mines critic for the opposition, I would like to join the Minister of Energy and Mines in welcoming Pearce Bowman, the past president of the Saskatchewan Mining Association and the current president of the Estevan Coal operation, as well as Mr. Dave Kelland from IMC.

The Saskatchewan Mining Association is sponsoring the Mining Awareness Week which is being undertaken all of this week. I attended the brief educational function and luncheon this morning and this afternoon and received a great deal of information with respect to the importance of mining in this province.

So it's with a great deal of pleasure, Mr. Speaker, that I join with the minister in welcoming these individuals and supporting the educational function of the Saskatchewan Mining Association and their initiatives in making their function and their occupation more aware in the province of Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Muller: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me a great deal of pleasure today to introduce through you and to the members of the Legislative Assembly 29 grade 8 students from Turtleford, and they're sitting in the west gallery. The teacher is Bill Kresowaty. You'll have to excuse me on the pronunciation of that. You'll have to fill me on it later. Shelley Bloom is one of the chaperons — Sharon Shepherd and Angie Vallentgoed. I didn't do too good on that one, eh?

Anyway, I want to welcome them here today. I know they come from one of the most beautiful parts of the province.

There's lots of lakes and fishing and it's just a beautiful part of the country. I'll be meeting with them later for pictures and drinks and certainly to answer some questions for them.

I'd ask all members to welcome them here from Turtleford.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trew: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The groups get better and better. I have a group of 23 grade 12 students from Robert Usher Collegiate in Regina, visiting. They're seated in your gallery, the Speaker's gallery. They are brought here by their teacher, Todd Miller.

I look forward to meeting this group at 2:30 for pictures and hopefully, a discussion after that. And I very much look forward to meeting with this group of 23 students from Robert Usher. I ask all members to join me in giving them a warm welcome to the Assembly.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Brockelbank: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it's important that the people from Turtleford constituency that are here today understand that they are warmly welcomed by this Assembly from both sides of the House, since unfortunately they don't have a member in the Assembly and haven't had for some time. So I want to join the member who's standing in from Shellbrook on this introduction of the students from Turtleford and also welcome them to this Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

PRESENTING PETITIONS (continued)

Mr. Hagel: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would also join all other members in welcoming guests to the Assembly today.

Mr. Speaker, respecting a previous decision you made, I will be presenting, while I'm on my feet, two different petitions. However, I'll present petitions of the same prayer together, and I will continue presenting petitions, Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer as I have been since the House adjourned, or House convened, I should say.

And just for the information of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, the prayer here is urging 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.

Mr. Speaker, then with that same prayer it is my pleasure to bring to the Assembly the names of some 20 to 25 further petitioners. Mr. Speaker, it appears to me as though all of these petitioners are from the city of Regina, and, Mr. Speaker, with the prayer that I've just stated, Mr. Speaker, it is my honour on their behalf to present their petition to this the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, proceeding with the petition with the same prayer, it is my honour again to bring to the Assembly some 20 to 25 names of citizens of the province of

Saskatchewan, all of whom but two live in the city of Moose Jaw. In addition to Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker, there are petitioners here from the town of Findlater, as well as Brownlee. And, Mr. Speaker, on their behalf it is my honour to bring their opposition to the provincial GST and the call for a provincial election for the government to have a mandate to introduce it.

Mr. Speaker, I'm moving right along. It is my pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to introduce another petition to the Assembly. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, some 20 to 25, are all from the city of Regina. They come from various places such as Park and Helmsing and Windsor Place and Harding, Janzen, 11th Avenue, and several addresses of those streets as well as others, Mr. Speaker. On their behalf I bring their petition to this their Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer, it is my honour again to bring to the Assembly lists of signatures of petitioners with the same prayer. These people, Mr. Speaker, come largely from my home city of Moose Jaw. In addition to that I see signatures here, Mr. Speaker, from Mortlach as well as Ormiston; and from within the city of Moose Jaw places such as Prince Crescent and Spadina and Hall Street and Simcoe and Stadacona and Hochelaga and Sioux and Francis and King and Henry and Ominica, as well as others, Mr. Speaker. It is a particular pleasure and an honour for me to present their petition to this their Legislative Assembly.

Moving right along, Mr. Speaker, from the city of Regina — and I would say all of these are petitioners from the city of Regina. These petitioners, many from Bond Street, some 20 to 25, as well as Francis and Dewdney and Broad Street; as well, Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer, urging the provincial government to stop the provincial GST until it has the mandate to call an election . . . by calling an election, Mr. Speaker. It's my honour to present their petition. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, a further petition, and again I'm proud to say that it is my honour to present these on behalf of largely constituents of Moose Jaw again. In addition to Moose Jaw residents there is also a signature on this petition from the town of Tuxford, just a few miles north of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker. Petitioners from within the city come from various places all over the city, and those who list street addresses: 2nd Avenue North East, Normandy Drive, Duffield, Grace Crescent, and Main Street, and so on, 7th Avenue North West. Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present their petition to this their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honour again to present yet another petition from citizens — these would be citizens entirely, again some 20 to 25 citizens from the city of Regina, from several places throughout the city ranging from Elphinstone to Rupert to Regent to St. John to Dewdney and Lacon Street — I believe I'm saying that correctly, Mr. Speaker — with the same prayer calling for the provincial government to earn a mandate to introduce the provincial GST by calling an election. It is my honour to present their petition.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, largely from my home city of Moose Jaw, I see in addition to signatories from Moose

Jaw, from the towns of Pasqua and Parkbeg, Ernfold, and Regina, as well as many Moose Jaw citizens, Mr. Speaker, their opposition to the provincial GST and urging that a mandate be gotten by calling a provincial election. It is my honour to introduce this petition to the Legislative Assembly. Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hagel: — Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure as well to introduce a petition from people who are residents of Regina. These petitioners come from places such as Rupert Street and 10th Avenue and 7th Avenue, as well as others, Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer as I've previously mentioned. Mr. Speaker, my honour to present their wishes to their government through the format of presentation of petition. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, again it is an honour for me to present yet more petitioners from the city of Moose Jaw and area. In addition to Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker, on this petition it includes the expression of the will of citizens of the towns of Tuxford and Boharm, Mr. Speaker, which you'll recognize as towns in the Moose Jaw area. This is again some 20 to 25 petitioners, Mr. Speaker, and again with the same prayer as I've previously read. And once again, Mr. Speaker, it is my honour as member of the Assembly for Moose Jaw North to present their wishes to this, their Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, these are petitioners again. It would look to me, Mr. Speaker, these are exclusively from my home city of Moose Jaw. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, come from areas in Moose Jaw such as Hochelaga and Ominica, Algoma, High, Grafton, 4th Avenue North East, several from each of those streets, again some 20 to 25 petitioners, Mr. Speaker. The prayer on this petition is identical to those that I've already introduced and it is my honour once again to present these petitions to this, their Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure again to introduce yet additional petitions with the same prayer from the city of Moose Jaw again, from Grayson Crescent and Corman Crescent, and as well one of the apartment buildings in Moose Jaw and with the same prayer, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to introduce a petition to the Assembly from people from several communities around Saskatchewan. This is from the more northern part of the province. These are largely from Saskatoon, areas such as Central Avenue, Cree Crescent, but also from other communities, Mr. Speaker, such as Wynyard. Mr. Speaker, I see Kingsmere Avenue and Avenue Y. Again I recognize those as Saskatoon addresses, Mr. Speaker, and it is my honour and my pleasure to express their wishes through the presentation of their petition to this their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I'll present another three petitions with the same prayer. And then I will move to a different prayer and then I'll allow other members of my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, who I know will want to present petitions to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, again I hate to be repetitive but there are a lot

of people in Moose Jaw opposed obviously, and so I present again with respect, Mr. Speaker, and honour, petitions signed by another 20 to 25 people. This was obviously a petition that was signed within the boundaries of the city of Moose Jaw, although I see signatories here, Mr. Speaker, from communities such as Coderre and Assiniboia. And I see signatories from within the city of Moose Jaw from 12th Avenue South West, and Hawthorne, and Cree, and Grandview, from Manitou Crescent, and Edelweiss Crescent, Mr. Speaker, as well as Calypso, and several that indicate a rural address, Mr. Speaker, by use of a postal box number as their address. On their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I proudly present their right to petition, by virtue of this petition, to their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have petitions . . . another petition. This is a petition with the same prayer again, calling for the government to seek a mandate to introduce the provincial GST through a provincial election. These come from a variety of places including Swift Current, Regina, Moose Jaw. And, Mr. Speaker, on their behalf again it is my honour to present these to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer and then I'll move to another prayer. Mr. Speaker, I just would like to bring the attention of the Clerks of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, and in saying this I do understand that the regulations of the Assembly require that petitions have three names or more on them.

As you may be aware, Mr. Speaker, there have been a number of people who have picked up a petition, signed it themselves, and returned it. And so to facilitate presentation of their petition, Mr. Speaker, what I've done is attach them together. These are identical prayer, and I submit them as a single petition in order to ensure that their will be expressed to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, these petitioners come from Moose Jaw — Duffield and 16th Avenue; as well as Argyle Street here in Regina, and a rural address in Moose Jaw by box number. And, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these people as well, it is my honour to present this petition to this their Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to conclude by presenting four pages of petitions and this is with a different prayer, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, these people outline in detail in the introduction of the petition their opposition to the 7 per cent tax being placed on reading materials. And, Mr. Speaker, the prayer, the formal prayer, I need to say that first part in order to have the prayer be understood. They pray to the Assembly, Mr. Speaker:

Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to urge the Provincial Government to reverse its decision to impose this unfair tax.

And by way of explanation then, Mr. Speaker, what they're meaning is the 7 per cent GST on reading materials. These petitioners opposed to the tax on reading materials, Mr. Speaker, come largely from the city of Moose Jaw — some rural addresses by way of box

number — from Avens Road, and Crocus Road, and Prince, and Alder, and Monk, Redland. I see from the town of Mazenod, Mr. Speaker, Gordon Road in Moose Jaw, Grey Avenue, and others, Mr. Speaker, some 20 to 25 petitioners. And on their behalf, I present this petition expressing their opposition to the tax on reading.

Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer in opposition to the same tax on reading, this is signed by 25 petitioners, Mr. Speaker. These petitioners come from other parts of the province — several from the town of Ituna, from Springside, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker; from Homefield, Saskatchewan; from Hubbard, Saskatchewan; as well as Parkerview, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. Most of these people are from Ituna actually. And it is my honour, Mr. Speaker, on their behalf to present this petition opposing the tax on reading. Thank you.

Also opposed to the tax on reading, Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer, these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, come largely from Swift Current. In fact it looks to me as though they . . . I'm not familiar with some of these but I believe them all to be Swift Current addresses, Mr. Speaker, including North Railway, and Burke Crescent, 11th Avenue North West, Jubilee Drive, and North Hill.

If they're watching, Mr. Speaker, or do subscribe to *Hansard*, I'm sure these signatories to this petition will recognize them and I hope I'm accurately presenting them as from the city of Swift Current. And on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I present them to the Legislative Assembly.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, the final petition I wish to present this afternoon, and then I'll take my place and let others of my colleagues present petitions as I know they wish to do. These are again with the same prayer, identical, Mr. Speaker, opposing the tax on reading.

And these people, Mr. Speaker, appear also all to be entirely from the city of Swift Current, some 20 petitioners from places such as MacDonald Crescent and Milburn and Central Avenue. I see one here from Wymark, Saskatchewan, as well, Mr. Speaker; and 1st North East and Curry Crescent and Meath Park and Ashley Drive and several other streets within the city.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these petitioners and all those petitioners who it's been my honour to present their will to this their Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker, and in preservation of this democratic right, it is my honour to bring these to the Assembly this afternoon. Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon pursuant to rule 11 of this Assembly to lay before the Assembly a number of petitions that say in part . . . and I will now read the prayer and I'll read it this once in order not to take up the time of the Assembly. The petition says:

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

And 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.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this first petition represents residents of the province of Saskatchewan, and I noticed that there are 17 signatures from the community of Preeceville, one signature from the community of Tiny, one signature from Kelvington, and one signature from the community of Endeavour up in that fine north-east area of the province.

And, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to lay this petition on the Table at this time.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — Mr. Speaker, again a petition with a similar prayer urging the provincial government to stop the provincial GST. And, Mr. Speaker, again this petition comes from residents up north-east Saskatchewan. And I notice that there are 18 signatures on this petition from the community of Preeceville as well as two signatures from the community of Endeavour. And, Mr. Speaker, as I had earlier indicated, again this petition wants the government to stop the provincial GST. And I would . . .

The Speaker: — Order, order, order. I'm going to ask the hon. member early, not to repeat the prayer or make reference to it. I'll be frank with you; on past days I have repeatedly brought this to the attention of hon. members but today I intend to be somewhat stricter on this. And I will not be making the multitude of appeals, and I will simply be moving to another member. I wish to forewarn you.

Mr. Lyons: — Thank you very much for your direction, Mr. Speaker. From now on, I'll refer to them just as the anti-GST petition in line with your ruling — with the same prayer.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, there are 18 signatures on this petition — 18 signatures on this petition from Preeceville, two from Endeavour. And I'd like to at this time lay this petition on the Table representing the people from those communities.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — Mr. Speaker, I have here another petition. This one not from the north-east part of the province but from the city of Regina and outlying areas. And I notice, Mr. Speaker, that these people are from all across Regina, not from any particular political constituency, from places such as Dewdney Avenue and Lacon Street, Rothwell Crescent, Froom Crescent, from the constituency of Regina Rosemont that I have the opportunity to represent, from Dewdney Avenue.

I notice, Mr. Speaker, that they're as well from Broder Street, Gordon Road, and a couple just indicated that their address as being in the city of Regina. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these people who oppose the GST, I would lay this on the Table as well.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — Mr. Speaker, I have a petition here from, again from the city of Regina, and again from all parts of the city. These people who oppose the GST are from Mollard Crescent, from Pasqua Street . . .

The Speaker: — Order, order, order. Order, order. Now the hon. member is once more making reference to the prayer. Now I understand it's almost normal for you to do that when you're handing in petitions sheet by sheet, but you, sir, have made the decision to hand in petitions sheet by sheet, and therefore it's also your responsibility to adhere to the rules.

And therefore you've read the prayer; you can make no reference to it; you simply present your petitions.

Mr. Lyons: — Thank you very much for your ruling, Mr. Speaker. This is an anti-GST petition, I guess, is the only way I can refer to it. And these people who . . . Can I have just maybe have a clarification . . .

The Speaker: — Order, order. Let me just demonstrate to you if you don't mind. Perhaps that'll help you. And if you wouldn't mind listening to me rather than the member from Moose Jaw North, then perhaps we wouldn't get confused at this time. I'm trying to clarify my position.

An Hon. Member: — Just trying to help us.

The Speaker: — Yes, I realize that.

"Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray . . ." etc. You have made . . . you have presented the prayer. You have read the prayer. Now from this point on you require no further references to the prayer. You have chosen to submit the petitions page by page; then you also must accept the responsibility of not making reference to the prayer as you go along. I hope that's clear.

Mr. Lyons: — It is, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much. It is clear.

With the same prayer, Mr. Speaker, these additional petitioners are from Mollard Crescent, which is in the constituency of Regina Rosemont. In fact there are several here from Mollard Crescent and from other parts of the city of Regina. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to at this time present this petition and lay it on the Table.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — Now, Mr. Speaker, again with the same prayer as previously referred to, I'd like to present this petition on behalf of some 20 residents of the province of Saskatchewan. These residents are from the communities including Moose Jaw, the city of Regina — I notice there are several from the constituency of Regina Rosemont — as well as the city of Prince Albert and one from Stony Beach, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to place this petition on the Table.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — Mr. Speaker, an additional petition with the same prayer — these petitioners are residents of the province of Saskatchewan. They come from all areas of the city of Regina, including a great many from the constituency that I have the honour to represent, of Regina Rosemont.

I notice as well, Mr. Speaker, that some are from other parts of the city, most of them in the north end of Regina. And, Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to place this table on behalf of these residents of Saskatchewan on the Table.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — Mr. Speaker, I'd like to at this time put forward another petition with the similar prayer as previously indicated. This petition comes signed by residents across Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. I notice there are probably half of them from the city of Regina. As well there are people here from the city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. And at this time I would like to on behalf of these people place this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have here another petition again from citizens of the province of Saskatchewan, including the city of Regina, as well as communities such as Esterhazy, Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, I'd like at this time to present this petition. It contains a similar prayer to the petitions already referred to, and I'd like to on behalf of these petitioners place it on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have here another petition, a petition with the similar prayer as that which is already indicated. Most of these petitions, Mr. Speaker, come from north-west Regina. In fact most of them are from the constituency of Regina Rosemont. But I notice as well, Mr. Speaker, that we have a petitioner from R.R. 2 outside Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. And as well there's another petitioner here from Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan. And on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I would at this time lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have here an additional petition with the similar prayer as the prayer already indicated. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I notice from the names and the addresses, come from the north-west part of Regina. Indeed many of them are from the constituency of Regina Rosemont. They number 18 . . . 17, excuse me, in number. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these petitioners I would at this time place the petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, again I have another petition with the praying as the prayer already indicates. These people are mostly from the city of Regina, including addresses from Connaught Crescent, Merritt Crescent, Dorothy Street here in Regina, north Callander Crescent, Mr. Speaker. Many of them don't have their street address but do indicate that they are from the city of Regina. And at this time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to place this petition on the Table.

This is royal treatment. Thank you very much. Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — I'd like to, Mr. Speaker, thank the Sergeant-at-Arms for his kindness in delivering that petition.

I have here, Mr. Speaker, another petition, this one signed by a great many citizens of the city of Regina. Mr. Speaker, the names in fact exceed the list of spaces identified for names and addresses, and I hope, Mr. Speaker, that this petition will be ruled in order. It prays for that thing which has already been mentioned, Mr. Speaker, the prayer that was originally referred to.

I might say, Mr. Speaker, that besides the city of Regina, from places like Horace Street and Cleland Street, Froom Crescent, Read Avenue, Willoughby, Bruce Street, McKinley Avenue, that it also contains the signature of a resident from Ogema, Saskatchewan. And at this time, Mr. Speaker, I should like to place this petition on the Table.

Now, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a number of petitioners from the province of Saskatchewan, all of them praying for that thing which has been previously mentioned, most of them from the city of Regina, a great many of them in fact from McKinley Avenue, which just happens to be in the constituency of the Regina Rosemont, Mr. Speaker . . . But as well as some petitioners from Wascana and I guess that's it from Wascana and McKinley Avenue. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these petitioners, I should like to at this time present this petition before the House.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have here a petitioner praying for that thing which has already been mentioned earlier in this House. A number of petitioners, again most of them whom are from the city of Regina, from Empress Drive, from Krauss Street, from Castle Road in the south end of the city; from 7th Avenue North and from Whelan Drive in the north end of the city — Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these particular petitioners I would at this time like to present the petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition with the same prayer as previously mentioned. These petitioners are, Mr. Speaker, for the most part from the city of Regina. The street names aren't given; just the city name is given, but I notice, Mr. Speaker, that as well as being from the city of Regina, there is a petitioner here from Kindersley, Saskatchewan. So on behalf of these particular petitioners, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these petitioners, I should at this time like to lay this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — Again, Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition, Mr. Speaker, from residents of the province of Saskatchewan, many of whom happen to live by — I see by their addresses — in the constituency of Regina Rosemont. There are people here from Mollard Crescent, from Dewdney Avenue, from Sherwood Drive, from Clayton Street, from Dewdney Avenue again, from 8th Avenue, from Bowman Avenue. Again most of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, are from the city of Regina. And

at this time, on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I would like to lay this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly in the province of Saskatchewan, at this time.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition which prays for that prayer already mentioned earlier on. These people are from, mostly, from the city of Regina, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, although I do note that there is a . . . one of the petitioners is from the rural community of Grand Coulee. As I said earlier, most of them however are from the city of Regina; no addresses given. So at this time on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I would like to lay this particular petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition for the most part representing residents of the city of Regina, and in fact from the constituency of Regina Rosemont, although some are from the constituency of Regina North West. As well, Mr. Speaker, I notice that besides from Regina with addresses like . . . a great many of them from Coldwell Road and Pasqua Street, Crowe Street, there's also several petitioners from the city of Saskatoon, from Gladmer Park in that fine city. On behalf of these particular petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I should at this time like to lay this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

(1445)

Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition whose prayer is similar to that already mentioned. Mr. Speaker, these petitioners however come from . . . not from the city of Regina but from — judging from the signatures — in and about the city of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, including petitioners from 4th Avenue North, Ominica Street, Athabasca Street West, Riverhurst, 4th Avenue, Grandview, and Stadacona East. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these petitioners it's indeed a privilege and an honour to present this petition, lay it on the Table of the province of Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have here another petition whose prayer is similar to that already indicated. These people, however, come from a number of communities in the province of Saskatchewan. There are some from the city of Regina, from Stinson Avenue, from Elphinstone Street, from Graham Road, from 23rd Avenue, from East Phaneuf Crescent, Lorimer Crescent. But I notice as well, Mr. Speaker, that there are petitioners from the communities of Balgonie and from Lumsden and from the community of Kendal, Saskatchewan. So on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I would at this time lay this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition signed by a great many residents of the province of Saskatchewan. These petitioners pray for those things which have already been mentioned earlier, Mr. Speaker. Every one of these petitioners however, Mr. Speaker, come from the constituency of Indian Head-Wolseley, from the community of Broadview. And I might say, Mr. Speaker, that on behalf of these 20 petitioners from the community of Broadview, I shall at this time lay it on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition signed by a great many residents of the city of Regina, praying for that which has already been mentioned in the prayer as earlier read. These petitioners come from the north-east part of the city of Regina, including McTavish Street, Uplands, Normandy Avenue, Garnet Street, Dolphin Bay, Laubach Crescent. In fact there's several from Laubach Crescent and Sturby Place. Mr. Speaker, at this time on behalf of these people, these petitioners, I should like to place this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition whose prayer is similar to the one mentioned earlier on. Again this petition comes primarily from the city of Regina, from Pasqua Street, and McCallum Avenue, Assiniboine, the 4100 block of McTavish, and so on. And I notice, Mr. Speaker, that as well however there are signatures from the communities of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, as well as Springside, Saskatchewan. So on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I would place this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly at this time.

And, Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition that I am hoping that will be ruled admissible. Its prayer is similar to that which has been previously referred to and, Mr. Speaker, however the petition is in two parts. One part of course contains the regular format and it represents petitioners primarily from the city of Regina, from Shannon Road and Andre Avenue and Athol Street and Retallack Street.

As well, Mr. Speaker, there's an additional sheet attached to this petition and it represents people, not just from the city of Regina — although I notice they're from Wells Street and Kings Street and Atkinson Street and Cornwall Street and Dewdney Avenue and Borden — but as well, Mr. Speaker, from the communities of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and from Odessa, Saskatchewan. And as well I notice there is one signature here from Rouleau, Saskatchewan. So at this time, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these petitioners, I should like to present this petition and lay it on the Table at this time.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition signed by a great many residents of the city of Saskatchewan . . . or city of Regina, Saskatchewan, from areas of the city all across the city including Dewdney Avenue and Kiev Bay, Montague Street, Argyle, Princess, Orchard Crescent, Dutton Avenue, Lockwood Road. As well, Mr. Speaker, I notice that this petition is also signed by a resident of Rouleau, Saskatchewan. So on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to lay this petition on the Table at this time.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition signed by residents of the province of Saskatchewan indicating by way of the prayer, that thing which we've already mentioned earlier. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, come from the city of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. And I say that they've indicated their community, Mr. Speaker, as Moose Jaw, however only several of them have indicated the street. They're some from 8th Avenue North West and in fact there's three or four petitioners from 8th Avenue North West in that city. So on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I would at this time like to present this petition to the Legislative Assembly and lay it on the Table.

I have here, Mr. Speaker, another petition whose prayer is similar to that as previously mentioned. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, looks like they're all from the city of Moose Jaw. They include petitioners who live at Grandview, the Trans-Canada Trailer Court, Hastings, Normandy Drive, Arlington Drive, and so on. So on behalf of these particular petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I would at this time like to lay this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition signed by residents of the province of Saskatchewan with a prayer which is similar to that which has already been mentioned. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, represent a number of communities from the province of Saskatchewan. I notice that there are petitioners from Queen Crescent in the city of Moose Jaw, Hall Street West, as well as a number of others who've just indicated their community, and some petitioners who've indicated that they live in the city of Regina. So, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these residents of the province of Saskatchewan, I should at this time like to present this petition and lay it on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition primarily signed by residents of the city of Moose Jaw whose prayer is similar to that of the petitions presented somewhat earlier here. I notice as well, Mr. Speaker, that besides living on Hochelaga in Moose Jaw, that there are petitioners from the city of Saskatoon as well as a petitioner from Marquis, Saskatchewan. So on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to place this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Now, Mr. Speaker, again I have a petition signed by residents of the province of Saskatchewan, in this case all of whom are resident in the city of Regina. They're praying for that thing which has been previously mentioned. These petitioners live on Acadia Drive, Rae Street, Cameron Crescent, as well as other places in the city of Regina, Mr. Speaker. So on behalf of these petitioners, I would like to at this time place this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition from petitioners who are residents of the province of Saskatchewan, who are praying for that thing which has been previously mentioned. Mr. Speaker, most of these petitioners, judging from their address, are from the city of Regina. They include people who live at Howell Drive, Reed Avenue — which is in the constituency of Regina Rosemont — Cannon Street, Lawson Street. I notice there's people from McCallum Avenue as well as James Crescent. So on behalf of these people, Mr. Speaker, I would like to present this petition and lay it on the Table of their Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition which is signed by residents of the province of Saskatchewan, most of whom have indicated that they live in the city of Regina. The addresses include Montague Street, Castle Road, North West Avenue, Athol Street, Regina Avenue, Angus Street, Parliament Avenue. Mr. Speaker, these people pray . . . their prayer is similar to that which has already

been mentioned earlier. And on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to . . . it's my honour to present this petition and lay it on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have here another petition whose prayer is similar to petitions which have been presented earlier. These petitioners however, Mr. Speaker, are not from the city of Regina, but for the most part are from the area of Prince Albert and district. I notice, Mr. Speaker, for example, one of the petitioners comes from Birch Hills as well as the others from the city of Prince Albert and the surrounding areas. Mr. Speaker, these people pray for that thing which has been previously mentioned, and on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, it's my honour to present the petition on their behalf and lay it on the Table of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I have a different petition whose prayer is similar to that which has been mentioned earlier. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, come from the Prince Albert area. I notice that there are residents of Riverside Drive. As well, Mr. Speaker, there are also residents in the outlying area of Prince Albert. I notice that they are from R.R. 5 and Site 25, and they're also from the communities of Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

So on behalf of these petitioners, I would at this time find it an honour to lay this petition on the Table in the Legislative Assembly in the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a different petition whose prayer is similar to that which has been previously referred to. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, don't come from the city of Regina but they do come from the northern part of our province.

I notice there are several petitioners here from 28th Street in Prince Albert, 13th Street West in Prince Albert, 32nd Street West in Prince Albert. And as well, Mr. Speaker, from outlying areas of Prince Albert, from R.R. 2 as well as several petitioners from Spiritwood, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. So on behalf of these people who have exercised their democratic right to petition the legislature, I lay this petition on the Table of the legislature for them at this time.

And, Mr. Speaker, I have here again a petition which . . . a different petition but with a similar prayer. These petitioners come again from the northern part of Saskatchewan. There are several signatures here from Prince Albert, from 8th Street East in Prince Albert, as well as a petitioner from Debden, Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, I notice that at this time I'd like to place this petition on the Table on behalf of these people who are exercising their democratic right to petition the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have here another petition, a different one but with a similar prayer to that which has already been mentioned. These petitioners come from the northern part of Saskatchewan. I notice that a great many of them are from the community of Prince Albert, although, Mr. Speaker, I do see some petitioners here from outside. There's for example a signature from one of the residents

of the province, from Holbein, Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these petitioners, I would at this time find it an honour to lay this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan. Thank you.

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Again, Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition signed by a great many residents of the northern part of our province. These petitioners come from the Prince Albert area. I notice that some of them live on 1st Avenue East, in fact a great many of them live on 1st Avenue East in the city of Prince Albert. As well, Mr. Speaker, I noticed that a great many come from Northcote in the Prince Albert district. And so on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I would at this time find it an honour to lay this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly of the province, as these people have exercised their democratic right to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I have here another petition. Again this petition is from the north part of our province, signed by a great many residents of Saskatchewan. In fact the signatures exceed the spaces allocated to that. Mr. Speaker, these residents, in fact almost to a person, come from 1st Avenue East in the city of Prince Albert. A quick tally indicates that there are some 23 or 24 residents of 1st Avenue East in Prince Albert. They pray for that thing which has already been mentioned earlier on, Mr. Speaker. And so on behalf of these residents of 1st Avenue East in the city of Prince Albert, I would like to lay their petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I have here a different petition but with a similar prayer as referred to earlier. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, come from the northern part of our province. Some of them are from the community of Prince Albert but I noticed that there are petitioners here from Meath Park, Duck Lake, Tweedsmuir, Wakaw, and Christopher Lake. And, Mr. Speaker, these petitioners have taken the opportunity to fill in not only the spaces indicated to them, but the other side of the petition as well. And I hope that this will be in order. These petitioners as well, Mr. Speaker, as well as coming from Prince Albert, also come from the communities of Norquay, Emma Lake, and St. Louis.

So on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to at this time put their petition and lay it on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a different petition but with a similar prayer to that which has already been mentioned earlier on. These petitioners, a great many who appear to be senior citizens and residents of the province of Saskatchewan, come from the northern part of our province. They appear to come from around the Prince Albert area.

I notice here that there is, for example, in the Olive Diefenbaker Drive in the city of Prince Albert; Elmwood Place; 13th Street West. As well, Mr. Speaker, from outside the city of Prince Albert there's some who are coming from rural route areas, as well as Bliss Crescent.

And so on behalf of these petitioners who have taken the time to exercise their democratic right to petition the Legislative Assembly, I should like at this time to place this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition, a different petition with a similar prayer to that which has already been mentioned. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, again come from the northern part of our fine province. Most of the signatures or the communities indicated include Prince Albert, R.R. 5, the city of Prince Albert, as well as the community of Christopher Lake.

So on behalf of these petitioners, Mr. Speaker, who have taken the time to exercise their democratic right, I would at this time like to place this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I have here, sir, another petition, this one again coming from the north part of our province. Now the people who have signed the petition are praying for that thing which has been referred to earlier on here in this Legislative Assembly.

These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, come again mostly from the community of Prince Albert, judging from their indication of where they live. But I notice, Mr. Speaker, that there are also petitioners from the community of Christopher Lake as well as the city of Saskatoon.

So, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these petitioners who've taken the time to exercise the democratic right to petition the Legislative Assembly, I would at this time like to place this petition on the Table of the legislature of the province of Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, again I have a petition from the northern part of our province. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, most of whom are resident in the community of Prince Albert, pray for that thing which we have already mentioned somewhat earlier on today. I notice that these petitioners lived on 10th Street and Lacroix, 16th Avenue. But, Mr. Speaker, I noticed as well that besides being from Prince Albert, there are petitioners here from St. Louis, Saskatchewan; from Canwood, Saskatchewan; and from Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan.

So on behalf of these petitioners who have exercised their democratic right to petition the Legislative Assembly of our province, Mr. Speaker, I should at this time like to place this petition on the Table. Thank you.

And, Mr. Speaker, I have just several more petitions to present today. The first of these petitions, a different petition but with the similar prayer, comes from the northern part of our province. Mr. Speaker, judging from their addresses of the people who have petitioned this legislature, some of whom live on 13th Street West or the Eastview Trailer Court or 12th Street West, and a number of post office boxes and so on.

These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, pray for that which has already been mentioned earlier on today. So on behalf of these petitioners from the community of Prince Albert,

Mr. Speaker, I should like to at this time place their petition on the Table of their legislature.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition once again from the north part of our province, with some exceptions. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, pray for that which has already been referred to earlier on, and I won't bother repeating the prayer. Mr. Speaker, again these petitioners who are residents of the province of Saskatchewan, live in the community . . . have indicated that they live in the community of Prince Albert and district, with the exception of one of the petitioners, Mr. Speaker, who comes from the community of Plunkett, Saskatchewan. So on behalf, Mr. Speaker, of these petitioners, I would like at this time to present their petition and place it on the Table of their Legislative Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Solomon: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to rule 11 to present to the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly a petition on behalf of many Saskatchewan residents. These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, have signed a petition with . . . Actually I have two petitions. I'll go through the one prayer with a number of pages and I'll read the second prayer as I get to it.

The first one, Mr. Speaker, addresses the Hon. Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

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

That we, the undersigned, support the Saskatchewan Alliance Against Tax on Reading in opposition to tax on books, magazines and newspapers.

It goes on to say and I quote:

We believe that a tax on reading is a tax on knowledge and information, and is detrimental to our society. Traditionally books, magazines and newspapers in Canada have been exempt from sales taxes because Canadians have recognized the cultural, social, educational values of the written word.

The prayer continues, Mr. Speaker.

The proposed provincial tax on reading will be the only one of its kind in Canada. The Saskatchewan government's proposal to add a 7% provincial tax on top of the new 7% GST on books and periodicals will mean that readers in Saskatchewan will be among the highest taxed in the world. We urge the Saskatchewan government NOT to tax reading materials!

Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to urge the Provincial Government to reverse its decision to impose this unfair tax. And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition here indicating that prayer, and the people who have signed this petition reside in Gronlid, they reside in Lumsden, they reside in the community of Southey, as well as in the community of Regina. They have asked me to present on their behalf this petition, both urban and rural residents co-operating and uniting to sign this petition, Mr. Speaker, to support the prayer.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition with the same prayer from residents of the province of Saskatchewan residing in Balgonie, in Esterhazy, in Rouleau, in Craven, and in Regina. I have residents living on Brown Street, on Wheeler Crescent, which is in the constituency of Regina North West; Merlin Crescent, 6th Avenue North, Oakview Drive in the North Albert riding, Broad Street North, Sangster Boulevard, Kennedy Crescent, Rochdale Boulevard, and Symons Place, Matheson Crescent, all four of which are in Regina North West; Garnet Street, Angus Boulevard, and Lawrence Drive. It's my pleasure to present on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, this petition.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, from residents of Wilcox, Saskatchewan in the riding of Qu'Appelle-Lumsden; and from residents of Regina who reside on the streets of Rochdale Boulevard, Bowman Avenue, Argyle Street, Sangster Boulevard; Burgess, which is in my constituency; Fort Street; Church Drive, which is in my constituency; as well as from the communities of Kipling, Saskatchewan and Broadview, Saskatchewan.

And again, Mr. Speaker, both rural and urban residents joining in unity in support of this petition. I'm pleased to present to the Assembly on their behalf, that petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by residents from Nokomis, Saskatchewan and from Lumsden, Saskatchewan and from the community of Regina Beach. As well, Mr. Speaker, from many addresses in the city of Regina — Montague Street, Argyle Street, 14th Avenue, McGuinness Crescent, Bond Street, Ballantyne, Louise Crescent.

In my constituency the following people have signed it: McCarthy Boulevard; they reside on Bard Crescent, also on the street of Rochdale Boulevard, and Lee-Grayson Crescent. Also a resident, Mr. Speaker, from Buena Vista, Saskatchewan, which is just along the beaches. And of course, residents from Ghandi Bay and Seymour Crescent, the latter being in the constituency of Regina North West.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honour to present on their behalf this petition to the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which was signed by residents of Saskatchewan who live on Chase Crescent, Cavendish Street, Lorne Street North, Montague, Lorimer Crescent which is again in my constituency, 5th Avenue North, Shooter Drive, Fuhrmann Crescent, again in Regina North West, Lorne Street, Black Drive, Victoria Avenue, Sherwood Drive, Marshall Crescent and Trifunov Crescent, as well as citizens, Mr. Speaker, from the communities of Wolseley, Saskatchewan; from Whitewood, Saskatchewan; from Pilot Butte, from

Findlater, from Lumsden, and from Govan.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present on their behalf this petition, both on behalf of the urban and rural constituents who live in Saskatchewan. Thank you.

(1515)

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition with the said prayer signed by residents of Sedley, Saskatchewan; residents of Lumsden, residents of Bethune, and residents of Craven, as well as some residents from the city of Regina, both from the constituency represented by the Minister of Human Resources and from constituents in Regina North West.

Mr. Speaker, these residents, both urban and rural, have united their position in opposition . . . or in support of the prayer which I read earlier. And it's my pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to present to the Assembly this petition on their behalf.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which list residents of Saskatchewan residing in Yorkton, in Kamsack, and in Veregin. Mr. Speaker, as well I believe one or two of these individuals reside on one of the Indian reserves near Kamsack. And they, Mr. Speaker, have signed this petition in support of the prayer. And it is my honour and privilege to present this petition to the Assembly so that their ancient and historic rights of being heard in this Assembly can be completed. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by residents of Kamsack and Preeceville primarily. Mr. Speaker, they are residents from the north-east part of the province in the constituency of Pelly who have signed this petition in support of the prayer. And according to their ancient historic right, it is my privilege and honour to present to the Assembly on their behalf, their prayer. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by many residents of Kamsack, from residents of Keeseekoosie Reserve, which is near Kamsack I understand, as well as the community of Veregin, which has a lot of historical experience, I guess, in the last number of years in Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to present this petition on their behalf. These residents support the prayer that was referred to earlier.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition with a different prayer on it, and I have many pages I'd like to present. This petition is addressed as follows, and here is the prayer. And 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 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.

Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Solomon: — Mr. Speaker, these residents are exercising their ancient and traditional right to petition the Assembly. They come from the community of Regina and from Saskatoon. They reside on Montague Street, Grant Drive, which is in the south end of town, McTavish, which is in the central part of town, Montague, and Lakeview district, from Braemar Crescent in Saskatoon, Tobin Crescent, 9th Street East, Schweitzer Drive, Angus Boulevard, Hillsdale Street, Cross Place, Habkirk Drive, Cameron Crescent.

Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege to present to this Assembly this petition signed by those individuals residing in the province of Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by residents who reside in the communities of Craven, who reside along R.R. 3, and who reside in Regina and Saskatoon.

These citizens, both urban and rural, are very supportive in their unity with respect to this petition. They live in districts such as Wood Crescent, Patterson Drive, Argyle Street, Williston Drive, which is in the Regina North West constituency, Sangster Boulevard, Elphinstone Street, Russel Bay, Parkwood, Cameron, Sangster, King Street, Sherwood Drive again, Bole bay, Houston Road, Pasqua Street, and Marquis Crescent. I am pleased to present on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, this petition.

Another petition that I have, Mr. Speaker, is signed by it looks like almost all of the residents of Westgate Avenue and as well from a person from Moose Jaw who lives on Grandview. And, Mr. Speaker, these individuals have asked us to present this petition on their behalf and I'm pleased to table this petition, Mr. Speaker, this afternoon on their behalf.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, signed by residents of Saskatchewan who reside in Regina, mostly from L'Arche Crescent and Gordon Road. I am pleased to table in the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, this petition on their behalf.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by these residents of Saskatchewan who support the prayer which I read out earlier. These residents live, Mr. Speaker, on Thornton Avenue, and I note that almost all the signatures here live on Thornton Avenue, consecutive addressed numbers I believe, so it seems that there's unanimity on Thornton Avenue and from Habkirk Drive as well, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present to the Assembly on their behalf their ancient right to petition the Assembly. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which is signed by several residents of the province of Saskatchewan. These individuals appear to be residing in Regina. They live on King Street in the south end of town, Heritage Place,

Lorne Street North, Lindsay Street, Turgeon Crescent, Victoria Avenue, Hill Avenue and Lakeview Avenue and Cowburn Crescent, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on their behalf this petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which I wish to present this afternoon. This petition is signed by many residents of Regina as well as residents from Pilot Butte. These individuals, Mr. Speaker, reside in the northern part of . . . central northern part of Regina as well as in the south end and the south-east end. They'd be of interest to the government members opposite, I'm sure, who represent those two districts. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present to this Assembly on their behalf this petition which supports the prayer mentioned earlier. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by residents of the province of Saskatchewan who reside in Saskatoon, who reside in Clavet, Saskatchewan, who reside in Vanscoy, and who reside in Colonsay. Colonsay's a great place; I once spoke there.

Mr. Speaker, this petition is presented to this Assembly through the opposition. It is our honour to do so. Again we see urban and rural residents uniting in support of the prayer aforementioned. It's my honour to present this and table this in the Assembly.

An Hon. Member: — You're eradicating the urban-rural split here, John.

Mr. Solomon: — Exactly.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which basically eradicates the urban-rural split by having residents of Saskatchewan from the following number of communities: the city of Saskatoon; the town of Watrous; the community of Eston, Saskatchewan, which is located in Kindersley constituency; the community of Vanscoy; the community of Humboldt; and the community of Hawarden — that's spelled H-a-w-a-r-d-e-n.

And these residents, Mr. Speaker, have again united both urban and rural residents in supporting the petition, in supporting the prayer. It is certainly my privilege to present the Assembly and table this petition on their behalf.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which is signed by many residents of the city of Saskatoon, and one which will be of interest to my colleague, the member from Athabasca, from La Loche. We have residents from both central Saskatchewan and northern Saskatchewan uniting, Mr. Speaker, in support of this petition. The question has been asked as to location — it just says Saskatoon — but it's my pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to present on their behalf from the residents of Saskatoon and from the community of La Loche this petition.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Solomon: — Mr. Speaker, I have other petitions here. This particular one is signed by residents of the city of Saskatoon; residents of the city of Regina; from

Whitewood, Saskatchewan; from Turtleford, Saskatchewan, which is a constituency which is not represented in this Assembly at the moment; and from Cabri, Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure on behalf of both urban and rural residing in these communities to support their ancient and historic right by presenting on their behalf this petition in the Assembly today. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, another petition I have is signed by many residents of the community of Saskatoon; from Demaine, Saskatchewan; and from Elbow. These individuals, Mr. Speaker, have both urban and rural signed this petition in unity and in co-operation to support the prayer which was read earlier. It's my privilege, Mr. Speaker, to present on their behalf their petition to this Legislative Assembly, and I therefore table it for everyone's view. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from residents of the city of Saskatoon; from residents of Kamsack; from residents of Allan, Saskatchewan, where there is a potash mine; and from residents of the city of Regina. I see there's even one from my constituency on Mowat Crescent.

Some of these residents live on Waterloo, on Reid Road, Kingsmere, Temperance, Cairns Avenue, Eastlake Avenue, Meglund Place, Christopher Lane, apparently, 109th Street, Main Street, Saskatoon, McKercher Drive, Sylvian Way, Brabant Place, East Place, and 15th Street East. The residents of Regina, Saskatoon, Kamsack, and Allan have united again, Mr. Speaker, in signing this petition. It's my honour to present it on their behalf. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here signed by residents of Saskatoon; residents of Colonsay, Saskatchewan; and residents of Wollaston Lake, which is located in the riding of Cumberland in northern Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, again urban, rural, and northern residents uniting in one petition to support the prayer. It's my honour, Mr. Speaker, to present on their behalf, this petition to the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by many residents from the communities of St. Louis, Saskatchewan; from Wakaw, Saskatchewan; and from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Again, rural residents and urban residents, Mr. Speaker, uniting in support of this prayer and support of this petition. It is my honour and certainly a privilege to present to the Assembly on their behalf this petition, and I hereby table it.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by many residents of the city of Saskatoon. These residents live on all the crescents, on Quance Avenue, I believe it is, Tobin Crescent, Steeves Avenue, Skeena Crescent, Arnason Crescent, 115th Street East, Spinks Drive, Laurentian Drive, and Kingsmere Boulevard, and other locations in the city of Saskatoon. Mr. Speaker, it's my honour to present on their behalf the petition which they have signed.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition to present to the Assembly on behalf of residents of Dundurn, Saskatchewan; residents of Saskatoon; residents of Clavet, Saskatchewan; residents of Allan, Saskatchewan;

and residents of Creighton, Saskatchewan. Again both urban, rural, and northern residents uniting in support of this petition. Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and certainly a privilege to present on their behalf to the Assembly this petition, and I hereby table it.

(1530)

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by the residents of the people of this province, some who reside in Saskatoon, some who reside on R.R. No. 6 in Saskatoon, some who reside in Dundurn, Mr. Speaker. These individuals, both rural and urban, have united in a co-operative way to sign this petition and they are unanimous in their support of the prayer which I read earlier, Mr. Speaker. It is my honour and privilege to present on their behalf to the Assembly their signatures on this petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by many residents of the province of Saskatchewan. These individuals reside in the community of Aberdeen, Saskatchewan; in the city of Saskatoon; and the community of Outlook, Saskatchewan. All individuals again from rural and urban districts support the petition unanimously and are asking us to present on their behalf to this Assembly their signatures so that their ancient historic right is fulfilled. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by residents of the people of this province, residents of the province of Saskatchewan. They reside in Regina, Saskatchewan. They live on mostly Argyle Road, and there's one from Selby Place which is located in the constituency of Regina North West, and the Argyle Road or the south end of the city. It's my privilege, Mr. Speaker, to present on their behalf this petition to the Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition to present to this Assembly on behalf of residents living in the communities of both Saskatoon and Allan, Saskatchewan, as well as residents who reside on R.R. No. 5. I'm not sure where that is, somewhere around the city of Saskatoon, an acreage I presume. Mr. Speaker, it's my honour to present on their behalf both urban and rural constituents uniting in this petition to the Assembly. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by many residents of the city of Saskatoon and from the community of Hanley, Saskatchewan. These residents, urban and rural, have united in signing this petition, Mr. Speaker, in support of the prayer which I mentioned earlier. They've asked us to present to the Assembly on their behalf, their signatures with respect to the petition, and I hereby table it this afternoon. Thank you.

According, Mr. Speaker, to the ancient historic right of citizens of this province, I present another petition of residents of the province of Saskatchewan who reside in Kenaston, Saskatchewan, as well as Saskatoon. These individuals . . . as well as Prince Albert. I guess there's another location there. In Saskatoon the residents live on Chaben Place, on Sylvian Crescent, on Delaronde Road, 5th Avenue North, Catherwood Avenue, Acadia Drive, Kingsmere, 113th Street, Maple — I believe it is. And, Mr.

Speaker, they have both rural and urban united in support of this petition and believe that they hope the government has some response to this, and I place it on the Table. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which I'd like to present to the Assembly on behalf of residents of Saskatchewan who reside in basically Regina, White City, Saskatoon. Mr. Speaker, the residents of Regina live on Quinn Drive, on Rodenbush, which is in the Uplands district I believe, on Garnet Street, the 3700 block on the south end of town. I'm not sure of the . . . it looks like Wakaw Court in Saskatoon, Arbor Grove Drive in Regina, Blackfoot Drive in Regina, Hatton Crescent in Regina, Bothwell Crescent in Regina, Albert Street — and it's signed Humpty's Family Restaurant — and McCaul Crescent, which is located in the constituency of Regina North West, which I represent. The 9 block McIntosh, Robinson Street, Bayda Crescent, and Atkinson Street — Mr. Speaker, it appears these residents are from all over the city of Regina. It is my honour and privilege to present on their behalf their petition in unity, both urban and rural, in support of this prayer. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present the following petition to the Assembly signed by some residents who reside in the constituency of Regina North West. These individuals actually came to my constituency office to look for a petition, and signed it, and I'm duty-bound, Mr. Speaker, and privileged to present on their behalf this petition which supports the prayer aforementioned. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition to present to the Assembly on behalf of residents of the city of Regina. They, Mr. Speaker, have asked us to exercise their ancient and historic right by tabling their signatures in support of this petition. And, Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and privilege to do so. And I therefore place this petition on the Table in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly at this very moment. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Prebble: — Thank you very much, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I rise pursuant to rule 11 to present a petition to the Legislative Assembly on behalf of a number of Saskatchewan residents. Mr. Deputy Speaker, these residents are opposed to a 7 per cent provincial tax on reading. They believe this to be a tax on knowledge and information that is detrimental to our society. They point out that this provincial tax is the only one of its kind in Canada, and they ask that the provincial government reverse its decision to impose this unfair tax upon Saskatchewan people.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, this petition is signed by residents of Montague Street in Regina, Marsh Crescent in Regina, Queen Street, Elphinstone Street, and McCallum Avenue in Regina. I see, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that there are also signatures here from Nipawin, Saskatchewan, and one signature from McMaster Crescent in Saskatoon. On behalf of these Saskatchewan residents, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I present this petition to this their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have another petition here with the same prayer. This one is signed by residents of Robinson Street in Regina, Hillsdale Avenue in Regina, Massey Road in Regina. I also see signatures here from Grey Street, from Angus Street, from Pine Place, and from Laval Drive in the city of Regina.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have a third petition here, again with the same prayer, this time signed by residents of College drive, Shannon Road, and Garnet Street in the city of Regina. There are also signatures here from residents on Princess avenue, 28th Avenue, Connaught Crescent, and Rae Street. And on behalf of these residents, it's my honour to present this petition to the Legislative Assembly on their behalf.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have a new petition with a new prayer. This petition is from residents of the province who are opposed to the full-scale provincial GST. They believe this is an unfair tax increase which the Government of Saskatchewan does not have a mandate to impose upon them, and they ask that this tax be removed at least until such time as the people of the province have had an opportunity to pass judgement on it in a provincial election. Mr. Deputy Speaker, it's my honour to present this petition on behalf of some 22 signatories from the city of Saskatoon, my home city, and one signatory from Invermay, Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Prebble: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have a second petition with the same prayer as the one I've just read, this one signed by residents from Melfort; Pleasantdale; Naicam, Saskatchewan. The bulk of the petitioners, Mr. Deputy Speaker, are from Melfort — some 20 signatures from Melfort.

And once again another petition with the same prayer — this time, Mr. Deputy Speaker, signed by a number of Saskatoon residents from both the east and west side of the city, including East Heights, Edinburgh Place in my constituency, Kelvin Avenue, Summers Place in my constituency, and several residents from Colonsay, Saskatchewan have also signed this petition. And on their behalf I'm very pleased to present it to the legislature.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, again the same prayer to this petition — it is signed by residents in my riding from Waterloo Crescent and Guelph Crescent, as well as residents from Colonsay, Saskatchewan; Melfort, Saskatchewan; and La Loche, Saskatchewan. And I see one Regina signature on this petition, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It's my pleasure to present it to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have another petition here with the same mandate and prayer. This one is signed by residents of Morgan Avenue in Saskatoon, Jackson Avenue. I see here a number of signatures from Edmund Park in my riding, as well as residents of Heise Crescent and East Heights who have signed this petition. It's my pleasure to present it on their behalf.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have a petition with a prayer similar to those I've just mentioned. It is signed by

residents of Kindersley, and as well as residents of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. I see a number of west side signatures here in the city of Saskatoon, and on the east side of the city of Saskatoon there are signatures from Easthill Avenue, Degeer Street, a number of signatures here, Mr. Deputy Speaker, from the Eastview neighbourhood of Saskatoon. And on behalf of those residents, it's my pleasure to present it to the legislature.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, a number of residents from Rosthern, Saskatchewan, have asked me to present their concerns about this tax to the legislature, and this includes some 16 signatures from Rosthern as well as a signatory from Hague, Saskatchewan — two signatures from Hague. On behalf of these residents, I'm pleased to present the petition to the Assembly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, another petition, again with the same mandate — indicating the widespread opposition of residents in the province — signed by residents from Mitchell Crescent in Saskatoon, Rink Avenue in Regina, Empress Street and Dewdney Avenue in the city of Regina. I also see here signatures from Watrous, Saskatchewan and from Montague Street in Regina. And on behalf of these residents, I present this petition to this their Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, several petitioners have asked to have their views presented to the Assembly again with the same prayer. These are residents of Rae Street in Regina, Lloyd Crescent in Regina, Broad Street North in Regina. I also see here signatures from Kleisinger Crescent, Cambridge Avenue, and there's a signatory here from Weyburn, Saskatchewan. On their behalf it's my pleasure to present them to the legislature.

(1545)

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have here another petition with the same prayer signed by residents from Knight Crescent, Marshall Crescent and Park Street in the city of Regina, expressing their opposition to this major tax increase. Mr. Deputy Speaker, residents from Wascana Street, from Athol Street in the city of Regina, and from Demarco Drive in the city of Regina, have again petitioned the legislature with the same prayer in mind, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Again, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have another petition with the same prayer, this time from residents in the 800 block of McTavish Street in Regina, and the 4000 block of Montague Street in the city of Regina. And on their behalf it's my pleasure to present this petition to the legislature.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have some 25 signatures here from residents primarily of Regina, again petitioning the legislature on the same prayer that I've already mentioned. These residents are from Hanover Avenue, Atkinson Street, Pasqua Street — about 15 of them are from Pasqua Street, Mr. Deputy Speaker. There's also signatures here from Fairview Road and Edward Street in the city of Regina, expressing their concern to the Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Prebble: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, it's my pleasure and honour to present another petition to the legislature, again with the same mandate. This is from residents of Normanview West in Regina, Mount Royal in Regina. I see a number of signatures here from the Cathedral area in Regina; I won't go through all the street addresses. But there are also signatures here from Watrous, Saskatchewan and a number of signatures from Pasqua Avenue in the city of Regina. This petition actually goes on to the back, Mr. Deputy Speaker. And there are petitioners here from Walter Crescent and Alexandra Street and Broad Street in the city of Regina. Some 35 signatures in all, and on their behalf it's my pleasure to present these to the Legislative Assembly.

This is another case, Mr. Deputy Speaker, where the signatories go well beyond the room provided on the page — some 38 signatures from the city of Regina, again expressing opposition to this tax increase. And on their behalf it's my pleasure to present this petition to the legislature.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, another petition with the same prayer, signed by residents of Queen Street and Knight Crescent in Regina, two residents from Saskatoon, and one resident from rural route Regina. On behalf of these 10 residents, it's my pleasure to present this petition to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have here another sheet of petitions from Regina residents living on 4th Avenue, Dewdney Avenue, Coventry Road in Regina, and King Street. And on their behalf it's my pleasure to present it to the Assembly.

I have, Mr. Deputy Speaker, another petition with the same prayer, signed by residents from Montreal Street, Victoria Avenue, and Rothwell Street, all in the city of Regina. And on their behalf I present it to the legislature.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have here a petition signed by a number of Saskatoon residents from the neighbourhoods of Greystone Heights and Grosvenor Park in my constituency. I also see here three or four Regina signatures, Mr. Deputy Speaker, from Athol Street and Cameron Street. On behalf of these Saskatchewan residents it's my honour to present their concerns to the legislature. Again, Mr. Deputy Speaker, it's the same prayer as the one that I've been presenting now for the last several minutes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have another petition here, this one signed by five Regina signatories, largely from the constituency of Regina Elphinstone.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have some 20 signatories here from the city of Regina who have all asked me to present their concern about the provincial GST. And on their behalf I . . .

The Deputy Speaker: — Order. The member has read the prayer. And on presentation of petitions no debate on or in relation to the same shall be allowed.

Mr. Prebble: — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I will be pleased to abide by your ruling. I have here another

petition with the same prayer, Mr. Deputy Speaker, signed by residents of Atkinson Street, Park Street, and Lockwood Road, and Dewdney Avenue in the city of Regina, as well as a number of residents who've just indicated their address as being the city of Regina. On behalf of these 21 residents, I'm pleased to present this petition to the legislature.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, a number of residents from Glen Elm Court in the city of Regina have asked me to present a petition expressing their concerns to the Assembly, again with the same mandate in mind. And on their behalf it's my privilege to present it to the legislature.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have another petition here with the same mandate, but this time signed by residents from the Premier's riding in Estevan, Saskatchewan, as well as from Redvers, Saskatchewan; Bienfait, Saskatchewan; and Weyburn, Saskatchewan. I also see here signatures from Semans and from Pilot Butte, and one person in my riding from McQuercher Drive in Saskatoon. And on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to present this petition to the Assembly.

An Hon. Member: — I think that's your best petition. I think that's the best one you've had.

Mr. Prebble: — The member for Regina Centre says that that's an important petition and I agree with him, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

I have here another set of petitioners. Many of these are from the Humboldt area, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and I also have several signatures here from Regina. And on their behalf I'm pleased to present it to the Assembly.

I have here, Mr. Deputy Speaker, three more petitions that I would like to present. The first is from the city of Moose Jaw, and a number of residents from that city have expressed their concern, Mr. Speaker, along the lines of the same prayer that I've indicated earlier. And on behalf of these Moose Jaw residents, I'm delighted to present their concerns to the legislature in the hope that the government would listen to their prayer.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Prebble: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have here . . . My colleagues are urging me on here, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I want to say that I have a number of signatures from Rothwell Street in the city of Regina, also from Lacon Street and Empress Street — some 20 signatures in all from people again expressing concern along the lines of the prayer that I've already mentioned.

And one final petition, Mr. Deputy Speaker, that it's my privilege to present this afternoon on behalf of residents in Sedley, Saskatchewan, as well as some 17 Regina signatories. Mr. Deputy Speaker, on their behalf I want to express their concern in opposition to the Provincial GST. And on their behalf it's my pleasure to present this petition to the Assembly, and to conclude the presentation of my petitions this afternoon. Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I too have a number of petitions to lay on the Table today.

Mr. Speaker, the first of the petitions I will lay on the Table today are signed by residents of our province who are exercising their democratic right to petition their legislature, and I count it my responsibility as an MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) to present their petitions. They've taken the time to sign these petitions, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

These petitions come under the prayer . . . these people have signed under the prayer which reads:

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 had an opportunity to pass judgement on it in a provincial election.

And the first number of petitions that I will present today, Mr. Deputy Speaker, all follow that basic prayer.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, the very first petition I present, I'm honoured to present on behalf of citizens and residents of my own community of Moose Jaw, Mr. Deputy Speaker. And as I see the names, I recognize some of the names who have signed this petition, and I recognize they come from all corners of the city of Moose Jaw. It's my privilege to present this petition on behalf of these residents of the city of Moose Jaw.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, this petition I believe has been signed entirely by residents of this city of the home of the Legislative Assembly, the city of Regina. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I don't know Regina well, but I see that the addresses here are from places like Lockwood Road, Chase Crescent, Hudson Drive, Victoria Avenue, 19th Avenue, Noonan Road, Halifax Street, and McKercher Drive — Mr. Deputy Speaker, all of these petitioners from the city of Regina. It's my responsibility and privilege to lay their names on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, there are signatories on this petition under the same prayer from both urban and rural Saskatchewan — signatures here from communities like Loreburn, Saskatchewan; a community to the west and north of Moose Jaw, the community of Tugaskie. And, Mr. Speaker, I believe signatures from the city of Saskatoon, from addresses in Saskatoon like Lansdowne Avenue, Wiggins Avenue, Clark Crescent, Coldspring Avenue, Mr. Deputy Speaker, which I believe is in Saskatoon; Nesbitt Crescent, and again another rural resident from Orkney, Saskatchewan.

There are signatures here from Wilson Crescent, Glasgow Street, Bronson Crescent, Cameron Avenue, Whiteswan Drive — which I believe is in Saskatoon — Pinehouse Drive and again from Whiteswan Drive, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It's my privilege to lay this petition on the Table. Thanks.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I may need the assistance of some of my colleagues here. I believe, Mr. Deputy Speaker, these signatories come again from the city of Saskatoon. I recognize 8th Street East in Saskatoon, Davies Road, Simon Fraser Crescent, Reid Road, Hamilton Place, Tucker Crescent, Grosvenor Crescent, Cairns Avenue, Munroe Avenue, Stillwater Drive, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and again, Coldspring Crescent. I assume these are from many areas of the city of Saskatoon.

These signatories unite in signing this petition. It's my privilege, on their behalf, to present this to the Legislative Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, in the number of petitions that I've presented, this one is in some ways unique. I believe all of these residents of Saskatchewan who have signed the petition make their home in Saskatoon. One of these signatories lives on Oakview Drive. But, Mr. Deputy Speaker, every one of the other signatures on this petition make their home on Lloyd Crescent, which I believe is in Saskatoon — every one of these petitioners from Lloyd Crescent in the city of Saskatoon. It's my privilege on behalf of these residents of Lloyd Crescent and Oakview Drive to lay this petition on the Table.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

(1600)

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, this is indeed unique. With the exception of a few signatures who make their home on Higgins Bay in Saskatoon, again every other signature on this petition is from a resident of Lloyd Crescent. Another petition, Mr. Speaker, almost entirely signed by the residents of Lloyd Crescent in Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker, and it is my privilege to lay this petition on behalf of residents of Lloyd Crescent, again in Saskatoon, with some from Higgins Bay, on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I have yet further signatures from Lloyd Crescent in Saskatoon, yet another petition with signatures from Lloyd Crescent in Saskatoon with, as I look over the list, Mr. Deputy Speaker, with two exceptions, Mr. Speaker, and one signature from Upland Drive. And, Mr. Speaker, I'm not violating the rules of the Assembly here when I say one resident of Brockelbank Crescent. So from Brockelbank Crescent and Lloyd Crescent in the city of Saskatoon, Mr. Deputy Speaker, these signatures, it's my privilege and responsibility to place them on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, this petition, again under the prayer that I identified at the outset, is primarily from central Saskatchewan, residents of the city of Saskatoon, and again both rural and urban residents uniting and signing this petition. Here is someone who makes her home in Elbow, Saskatchewan — Elbow, Saskatchewan. Others from Saskatoon — Louise Avenue, Kingsmere, Davies

Road, which I assume is also in the city of Saskatoon, who join in the same petition.

Mr. Speaker, once more a petition signed by residents of both urban and rural Saskatchewan, from communities not in the near neighbourhood of one another actually. A signature here from Dundurn, Saskatchewan, No. 11 highway; someone who may be in the Dundurn area whose address is R.R. outside of Saskatoon, a signature here from someone who makes their home in Outlook, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, and others who make their home in the city of Saskatoon. They too have signed this petition under the same prayer which I identified earlier. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and responsibility to present their names to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I know that these signatories primarily make their home in Saskatoon; a signatory here is someone I know whose home is in Saskatoon, and as I look at the addresses I recognize many of them from the city of Saskatoon. Here is someone from Lorne Avenue in Saskatoon, someone from Louise Avenue, Adelaide Street, Arlington Avenue, Sturgeon Drive. But not only from Saskatoon, Mr. Deputy Speaker, a signatory on this petition makes her home in Viscount, Saskatchewan. And it is my privilege and responsibility to present these names to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I move with this petition from the city of Saskatoon primarily, to the city in which we meet this afternoon, the city of Regina. I believe all of these signatures are from residents of Regina by the addresses. They're from Sunset Drive, from Lindsay, from Dale Crescent, from McDonald Street, from Embury, and Albert Street, Angus, Walden Crescent, from Robinson Street, from Fulton, and 5th Avenue — another 20 signatories, Mr. Deputy Speaker, under the same petition, the same prayer which I identified earlier.

And it's my pleasure, on behalf of these residents of the city of Regina and with the help of the page, to place this on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, we're back up and down the No. 11 Highway. This petition, I believe the signatures are from in and around the city of Saskatoon. I recognize Bateman Crescent, Louise Street, Anderson Crescent, Louise Avenue, Jackson Avenue, Cumberland Avenue, McKercher Drive. But again, Mr. Deputy Speaker, rural Saskatchewan and urban Saskatchewan unite in signing these petitions — here a resident of the community of Allan, Saskatchewan, outside of Saskatoon.

Mr. Speaker, again from both urban and rural Saskatchewan, signatures, another 20 signatures under the same prayer which I identified at the outset — some of these, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I'm not sure of where all these addresses are. I presume some are from Saskatoon. Here is the signature of another resident of the community of Dundurn, south of Saskatoon. Mr. Deputy Speaker, it's my privilege and responsibility to present this petition this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I am always particularly honoured to place on the Table of the Legislative Assembly the signatures of residents from my own community, the community I

share in representing with the member from Moose Jaw North, the city of Moose Jaw.

But again, Mr. Speaker, while most of these signatures come from the city of Moose Jaw, while most of these people make their residence in the city of Moose Jaw, again there is a number of people who have signed who live outside the city of Moose Jaw. Here for instance, Mr. Deputy Speaker, is someone who makes her home in Woodrow, Saskatchewan, a lovely community near the community of Lafleche. These residents from Moose Jaw make their homes primarily in Moose Jaw North — on Francis, on Grace, 2nd Avenue North West, Montgomery, on Grey Avenue, Gordon Road, and Cartier Street. Mr. Deputy Speaker, it's my privilege and responsibility to place this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, again primarily from the city of Moose Jaw, and this time from every corner of the city of Moose Jaw — I can tell by the addresses — from every corner of the city of Moose Jaw, from Hochelaga Street to Spadina to James Street, Clifton Avenue, Fairford Street, Avens Road, Oxford Street, from every corner of the city of Moose Jaw, people are petitioning this legislature. But, Mr. Speaker, it's not only from the city of Moose Jaw — a signature here of someone from the community of Davidson, a signature here of someone from the community of Tuxford, north of Moose Jaw. And so it's my privilege, Mr. Speaker, to present the signatures of these Saskatchewan residents in petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, again, again from the city of Moose Jaw to join the thousands of others who have petitioned the legislature from the city of Moose Jaw, a full petition — every one of these signatures, Mr. Deputy Speaker, from the city of Moose Jaw. Mr. Speaker, again as I review the list of names, I see that these citizens, some of whom I know, come from all walks of life. There are professional people here; there are seniors; there are working people. And they have united in signing the petition to this legislature, and it's my privilege to lay it on the Table.

And, Mr. Speaker, a signature on this petition that comes under the very same prayer as I identified at the outset of my remarks, is signed by someone who is perhaps a student or perhaps a resident of the community of Caronport, Mr. Deputy Speaker, west of Moose Jaw in the constituency of Thunder Creek, home of the Briercrest Bible College, Mr. Speaker. Other signatures on this petition, again from the community that I am very proud to call home, and that's the city of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker — as one of the MLAs representing the community of Moose Jaw along with the member from Moose Jaw North, it is my privilege and it's our responsibility . . . our citizens have taken the time to voice their opinion to this Legislative Assembly by signing this petition, Mr. Speaker. It's our responsibility as MLAs from the community of Moose Jaw to bring this petition to the House and present it. I am proud to do so, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of both this resident of the community of Caronport and these residents of the city of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I look at this petition I believe all of the signatories — no, with the exception of one, with the exception of one — all of the signatories on this petition

make their home in the city of Saskatoon. Mr. Speaker, I venture a guess, but I would assume that the signatures of this petition, some are seniors and some are young people, by the handwriting.

Mr. Speaker, each one of these residents of Saskatchewan have signed this petition, have affixed their signature to this petition indicating their support for that petition, which I indicated at the outset. And they've gone beyond to indicate in print their names so there can be no mistake about who they are and their intentions. And they have gone further and indicated, in this case, each one has indicated their home address.

And again as I look over this list of signatories, they come from every part of the city of Saskatoon. Someone from Assiniboine Drive, someone who lives on Preston, someone who lives on Sturby Place, someone who lives on Estey Drive, Sylvian Way, MacDermid Crescent, Taylor Street, Main Street, Wiggins Avenue, Arlington, 2nd Street East, East Drive, Cairns Avenue, King Crescent, East Place, Porteous Crescent, all of which, I believe, Mr. Speaker, are home addresses in the city of Saskatoon. There is one exception on this signature from someone who makes her home south of Saskatoon in the community of Blackstrap.

Mr. Speaker, I know that residents from across our province, rural and urban, are petitioning their legislature through these petitions, and it's my privilege to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, there are number of petitioners on this petition again who make their home in and around Saskatoon. I see a number of petitioners here from Grosvenor Crescent in Saskatoon. The residents of Grosvenor Crescent in Saskatoon are petitioning the legislature through this petition, residents of Wiggins Avenue in Saskatoon; residents of Quill Crescent, which I assume is in Saskatoon.

But then from beyond Saskatoon, residents of the community of Viscount, Mr. Speaker, Viscount, Saskatchewan; residents of the community of Colonsay, Saskatchewan — and, Mr. Speaker, I may be making an assumption here, but it would be my guess that this petition we have was placed in a business establishment in Saskatoon. And these residents of Viscount and Colonsay may well have been in Saskatoon and conducting business, and there had the opportunity to affix their signature to this petition petitioning this legislature, their legislature, with the same prayer that the others have, the prayer that I identified at the outset of presenting these petitions. Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege on behalf of these residents of Saskatoon, Viscount, Colonsay, and that whole Saskatoon area, to bring to this legislature this petition. Thanks.

Mr. Speaker, again to a one, a full petition signed by residents of Moose Jaw. Mr. Speaker, another petition fully signed by residents of Moose Jaw. Mr. Speaker, again some names that I recognize, others that I do not. But all who have affixed their signature to this petition, then printed their name and indicated that their home is made in the city of Moose Jaw. Now, Mr. Speaker, some of these have not included a street address. Some have

indicated only Moose Jaw, and that may well mean they live in the rural district surrounding Moose Jaw, because many of our rural neighbours around Moose Jaw, when asked for address, community, will simply indicate Moose Jaw, because they feel very much at home in the city of Moose Jaw. Some may well be rural residents; they live in the Moose Jaw district, and they're proud of it. But I do recognize some of these signatures, Mr. Speaker, as I indicated. I do know they do make their home within the city of Moose Jaw.

And again, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest, as I have on other occasions while presenting petitions, that these petitions are being signed by citizens who share all political persuasions. All political persuasions are represented in the signatures that are being presented on these petitions, Mr. Speaker. As one of the MLAs representing the city of Moose Jaw, it's my privilege and responsibility to present the signatures of these Moose Jaw residents who petitioned their legislature today.

Mr. Speaker, again I move to a petition that draws together both residents of rural Saskatchewan and residents of urban Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, this petition, which is signed under the same prayer that I indicated at the outset, this petition has been signed by residents in Saskatoon. I believe Calder Crescent and Calder Avenue, Munroe Avenue, and Porteous Crescent are Saskatoon addresses. But beyond the Saskatoon signatures, Mr. Speaker, I see on this particular petition someone who makes her home in Hanley, Saskatchewan.

(1615)

And, Mr. Speaker, I recognize a name on this petition, a woman who makes her home in Central Butte. And I know we're certainly not reading names, Mr. Speaker, but this woman has played a role in the political life of the province, and she conducts much of her business and work out of Saskatoon, but her home is in Central Butte, Mr. Speaker. She took the opportunity to sign this petition in Saskatoon.

I am particularly honoured to present this petition with all of its names, and particularly this resident of Central Butte, Mr. Speaker, who I count to be a close friend. So, Mr. Speaker, it is again my privilege to lay these signatures on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, again a petition . . . all of the signatures on this petition, Mr. Speaker, do come from the city of Saskatoon. It seems that the way it happens, the first person who will sign the petition seems to set the pace and this person indicated just Saskatoon as their community, and all the others followed in suit. Each signatory of this petition again makes their home in Saskatoon.

And again I'm guessing, Mr. Speaker, but by some of the handwriting, I would guess that this petition has been signed by a number of senior citizens who exercise their democratic right. And they perhaps know it best of all, Mr. Speaker, these senior citizens who have signed this petition exercising their democratic right to petition their legislature, asking their government to heed their prayer.

Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege to place this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased again to present a petition signed by residents of the city of Moose Jaw, in and around the city of Moose Jaw. All of these residents I'm sure would consider Moose Jaw their home community. I do recognize one signature who will be living outside the actual city limits, perhaps two outside the actual city limits, but I'm sure who would consider Moose Jaw their community, Mr. Speaker — their home community.

Again I recognize many of these names, Mr. Speaker. They come from all walks of life and from every part of the city of Moose Jaw. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and responsibility, on behalf of these residents of the city of Moose Jaw and district, to lay their signatures on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have three or four more petitions that I would like to place on the Table this afternoon. And, Mr. Speaker, as I review these three or four petitions that I have remaining to present, Mr. Speaker, again they are all from the community of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I look at this particular petition, I see that these signatories again come from every part of the city of Moose Jaw — some signatures from Grandview Place, from Moose Square, Mr. Speaker — a unique address in the city of Moose Jaw: Moose Square; from Connaught, from Caribou, Hochelaga, Vaughan Street, Hastings, Monk Avenue, 7th Avenue, Athabasca West, Hochelaga West, Ominica Street West, Fourth Avenue North West, Hochelaga Street West, Mr. Speaker. The signatures are from both the constituencies of Moose Jaw North and Moose Jaw South. And, Mr. Speaker, as one of the MLAs from the city of Moose Jaw, it is my privilege on behalf of the citizens of our city to present this petition, Mr. Speaker. With the help of the page, I will do so. Thanks.

Mr. Speaker, we very often in the city of Moose Jaw welcome visitors and shoppers from the districts surrounding Moose Jaw. Here we have signatures from the community of Courval, south of Moose Jaw; signatures from the community of Assiniboia, again south of Moose Jaw; and then signatures of residents of Moose Jaw from Hastings Street, to Hochelaga, to James, to Hastings, Main Street North, Grafton, on Albert Street, Wood Lily Drive, Albert Street, a box number from Moose Jaw — it may well be someone who lives in the Moose Jaw district — Caribou Street, Athabasca Street, Caribou Street East. Again, Mr. Speaker, from every corner of our community and from the districts surrounding Moose Jaw, the residents of this province petitioning their legislature under the prayer that I identified at the outset.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, the last prayer . . . the last petition that I would wish to present this afternoon. The last one this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, but there are yet hundreds and thousands more to be presented in this legislature.

Again all of these signatories from the community of Moose Jaw; many of them I recognize as residents of the constituency of Moose Jaw South. They are from Home Street. They're from Grandview Street, from Birch Street,

Home Street, Hastings, Stadacona, Pine Crescent and Hochelaga Street West.

Mr. Speaker, I don't see a signatory here from Main Street, but I know in previous petitions I have presented hundred of signatories who live on Main Street and, Mr. Speaker, many of these Moose Jaw signatures you'd be interested to know, were collected in business places along Moose Jaw's Main Street, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it's part of my responsibility as a member representing the city of Moose Jaw, a member of this provincial legislature, to lay on the Table these signatories who join in the petition opposing the provincial government's goods and services tax.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 11 I rise to present a number of petitions and I want to read the petition into the record, and the petition reads 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.

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 had an opportunity to pass judgement on it in a provincial election.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Speaker, the petitioners come from a number of addresses in the constituency that I represent. I happen to know many of the people that have signed the petition. We have citizens who reside on Lorne Avenue, Coy Avenue, Willow Street and Taylor, as well as 8th Street in the city of Saskatoon.

These people have exercised their democratic right to present a petition through their elected member of the legislature to all legislators in this Assembly, and these petitioners are asking and urging the provincial government to stop the provincial goods and services tax.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce this petition on behalf of all of the people living on Lorne Avenue, Willow Street and Taylor Street, as well as 2nd Street in the city of Saskatoon.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition that I want to present, and this petition is signed by several residents from the Weyburn constituency. In fact, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance will be interested to know that a number of citizens living in his home town of Weyburn have exercised their democratic right and signed the petition opposing the goods and services tax.

As well as citizens in Weyburn, we have people from

McTaggart, as well as Griffin, Saskatchewan, and Radville, that have signed this petition. These people are exercising their right to sign petitions in the province of Saskatchewan and I'm pleased to lay this particular petition on the Table.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to lay another petition on the Table. These citizens come from the city of Saskatoon, and these citizens live on Lorne Avenue. Once again, Mr. Speaker, they are exercising their democratic right to sign a petition in the province of Saskatchewan opposing the provincial goods and services tax. And I'm pleased once again, Mr. Speaker, to lay this petition on the Table.

The Speaker: — I would like to bring the following to the hon. member's attention. You have read the prayer; that is customary. Now I should ask you to no longer make references to the content of the prayer as you present your petitions.

I hope you understand what I'm asking you to do. I've had to ask other members . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Thank you.

Ms. Atkinson: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I understand exactly what you're saying and I want to lay some more petitions on the Table. These citizens once again come from the constituency that I represent. These citizens come from 6th Street, Kelvin Avenue, 7th Street, 3rd Street, East Hill, Avenue Q North, Dufferin, Maple Street, William Avenue, as well as 1st Street, 8th Street, and Edinburgh Place. All of these citizens live in the constituency that I represent, Mr. Speaker, and these citizens have exercised their democratic right by signing the petition. And I'm pleased to lay this particular petition on the Table, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition that I'm pleased to deliver to the Legislative Assembly. These citizens have once again exercised their democratic right to sign a petition in the province of Saskatchewan. These citizens come from the city of Saskatoon. They live on 8th Street, Broadway, 4th Street, Gladmer Park, Hilliard Street, Clare Crescent, 4th Street, Taylor Street, Pinehouse Drive, Cumberland Avenue, Maple Street, William Avenue, 1st Street, and Wilson Crescent. All of these citizens have exercised their democratic right. And once again, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to lay their signatures on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition of 20 signatures that I want to deliver to the Legislative Assembly. And these citizens come from Biggar, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, some of the signatories come from Biggar. Biggar is the home of the first . . . one of the leaders of the New Democratic Party . . .

The Speaker: — Order, order. Order, order. Order, order. The hon. member is introducing extraneous material to the petitions, and she's perhaps even provoking some debate. And I would ask her to refrain.

(1630)

Ms. Atkinson: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As well a number of the signatories come from the city of Saskatoon. And I believe there are probably about 20 . . . or pardon me, 15 signatures, Mr. Speaker, from the city of Saskatoon, four signatures from Biggar, and one signature from Viscount, Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, these people appear from their signatures to be senior citizens. And I'm pleased to lay these signatures on the Table so that they have the opportunity to express their views on this matter.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition that I want to lay on the Table. These citizens once again come from the constituency that I represent. In fact I know many of the people who have signed the petition. They come from Elm Street, Victoria Avenue — it looks as though these signatures come out of one particular apartment block — as well as Cumberland Avenue. And once again, Mr. Speaker, these citizens have exercised their democratic right by signing this petition, and I am pleased to lay these signatures on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here and all of the people who have signed this particular petition come from the city of Prince Albert. I believe all 20 signatories come from the city of Prince Albert. And once again these citizens live on 25th Street West in P.A., 8th Street East, 4th Street East, 30th Street West, Conroy Place, as well as 18th Street West. And it looks as though we have one rural citizen of the Prince Albert district who's also signed this petition, Mr. Speaker. And once again I'm pleased to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition that has been signed by citizens living in the Prince Albert area. And it looks as though all of the signatories come from the city of Prince Albert. Once again the signatories come from River Street, Grey Owl Crescent, Helm Crescent, Bennett Drive, 11th Street East, Bowerman Crescent, 1st Street East.

Oh, Mr. Speaker, I see one signature here from Duck Lake. As well there's a signature from 6th Street East in Prince Albert, McIntosh Drive, 12th Avenue East, Lacroix Crescent, Pereverzoff Place, 19th Street West, 17th Avenue East, another person from Lacroix Crescent, as well as 10th Street East, Mr. Speaker. And I am pleased to lay these signatures on the Table.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from the city of P.A. And some of the people didn't sign their addresses but many of the signatories did. And once again, Mr. Speaker, these citizens come from River Street East, 23rd Street East, Sanderson Crescent, Branion Drive, 23rd Street West again, Elmwood, Barton Drive, 6th Street East, McIntosh Drive, 13th Street West, and all of the other people didn't sign their address, Mr. Speaker. But all of these citizens from the city of Prince Albert wanted their signatures to be presented to this House, and I'm pleased to be able to do that on their behalf.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here that I want to lay on the Table. And once again, with

the exception of one signatory, it looks as though all of the citizens — pardon me, Mr. Speaker, two signatories — all of the signatures come from the city of Prince Albert. These people live on 26th Street East, several people. It looks as though someone walked around the block and had citizens sign. As well it looks as though there has been several people in an apartment block that signed the petition, probably older people, Mr. Speaker.

As well we have citizens from Clark Place, and then we have two people from Spruce Home, which is a town right outside of the city of Prince Albert. But, Mr. Speaker, it looks as though all of these people come from a particular apartment block, and once again it looks as though the senior citizens of Prince Albert are signing this petition. And I'm pleased to be able to enter these names into the record so that these people can have their views on this issue expressed through their legislature.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, I have another petition that I am pleased to present to the legislature. And once again all of these citizens appear to come from the city of Prince Albert. In fact I recognize a few names on the petition. Mr. Speaker, I believe there are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 signatures from Prince Albert, one signatory from Saskatoon and one signatory from Birch Hills. Now these people didn't sign their addresses so I don't know exactly where they live in the city of Prince Albert. But once again I'm pleased to be able to present their signatures to this legislature so that they can exercise their democratic right on this particular petition, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here. And once again the people who've signed this petition come from the city of Prince Albert. These citizens come from 30th Street East, Lacroix Crescent, 15th Street West. One signature comes from the trailer court in Prince Albert — I believe it's Brewster Trailer Court — as well as 24th Street West, Gillmor Crescent, 32nd Street West. And, Mr. Speaker, it looks as though two people come from the surrounding area of P.A. because they have box numbers in the city of Prince Albert. And once again, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present these particular signatures to the Legislative Assembly so that these people can exercise their democratic right in expressing their opinion on this petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from the city of Prince Albert. As well, Mr. Speaker, a number of people on this petition have come from Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, as well as La Ronge, Saskatchewan, and Canwood, Saskatchewan. And as well, Mr. Speaker, there is a person here that's signed from the Beardy Indian Reserve. And, Mr. Speaker, these people once again are exercising their democratic right to have their views heard on this particular issue and I'm pleased to present their signatures to the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Atkinson: — Well, Mr. Speaker, we're back to the city of Saskatoon. I think that this petition probably was in a business because there are a number of different people that have signed this petition. And they come from all

over Saskatchewan as well as Saskatoon — people who live on Preston Avenue in the city of Saskatoon, Delaronde Road, Diefenbaker, McMaster Crescent, as well as Arnason Crescent, 2nd Avenue West, Grant Street, Avenue K South, Redberry Road, Verbeke Crescent, as well as Avenue E, 14th Street, Munroe Avenue, 33rd Street, Douglas Crescent. As well, Mr. Speaker, some people from the Lanigan area and Outlook have signed this petition.

And once again, Mr. Speaker, I'm extremely please to be able to present these signatures to the Legislative Assembly so that these people can express their views on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from the city of Saskatoon as well as surrounding area. And these citizens come from all over Saskatoon and area. They didn't indicate what streets they live on, but I can tell from some of the signatures, people I do know, live all over the city of Saskatoon.

As well, Mr. Speaker, we have some out-of-town visitors that obviously signed the petition — people coming from Grandora and Aberdeen. And both of those centres are just outside of the city of Saskatoon. And, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to lay these signatures on the Table for the government's consideration.

Mr. Speaker, I have several more petitions that I want to present. And this time, Mr. Speaker, I have a whole number of petitions from the city of Regina as well as surrounding area. I note that two signatories come from rural route Regina and other signatories seem to come from Laird Crescent. It looks as though someone walked around the block and got a number of citizens to sign the petition. As well we have people who live on Stapleford Crescent, Coldwell Road, McTavish, Whelan Drive, Rochdale, Lorne Street, Church Drive, 7th Avenue, 4th Avenue, 1st Avenue North, Rae Street, Spence Street, Hammond Road, Elmview Road, Cedar Meadow, 7th Street East, city of Saskatoon — someone must have been down from the city into Regina and signed the petition — as well as Radway Street, Mr. Speaker. And once again I am extremely privileged as an elected member of the legislature to enter these signatures into the public record so that the government knows these people's views on this particular issue, Mr. Speaker.

As well, Mr. Speaker, I have another petition that I'd like to enter into the record. Once again, it looks as though all of these signatures, with the exception of one, come from the city of Regina. And these people live on Blakeney Drive, Selby Crescent, Lakewood Drive. Once again it looks as though someone may have walked around the block and had their friends and neighbours sign the petition, Mr. Speaker. As well, Mr. Speaker, they come from Kennedy, Saskatchewan. Once again, Mr. Speaker, I feel extremely privileged to be able to enter these names into the public record as a member of the Legislative Assembly. These people are exercising their democratic right in this province to sign petitions, and I would like to lay these signatures on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have a number of signatures from the city of Saskatoon and I know a lot of these people personally.

And, Mr. Speaker, they reside in the constituency that I represent. And once again, it looks as though someone went down Ewart Avenue and had their friends and neighbours sign the petition. So for all the people on Ewart Avenue, your signatures are now being entered into the public record. As well some people on 1st Street had the opportunity to sign the petition. And on behalf of the people I represent, because I do represent these people, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be able to enter these signatures into the public record so that these folks can have the opportunity to put their views on this issue on the public record.

Mr. Speaker, I'm now back to the city of Prince Albert and surrounding areas. A number of citizens in the Prince Albert area have once again exercised their democratic right to sign petitions. As well, Mr. Speaker, we have a number of folks from the Birch Hills area which is right outside of the city of P.A. As well there's some people from the Duck Lake area that have signed the petition. And, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to see that someone came down from Pelican Narrows to sign the petition. They were obviously in Prince Albert visiting. And I want to put their views on this important public issue on the record, Mr. Speaker, and I am going to do that as an elected member of the legislature. So I'm pleased to lay this on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from the city of Regina and it looks as though the folks over on Cunningham Drive have signed the petition as well McCusker, I think it is, Mr. Speaker. They have obviously gone out and had people in that area, those two streets, sign the petition. And, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to enter their signatures onto the public record so that these folks have the opportunity to present their views on this important public issue to the legislature. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, once again I have a petition from . . . it looks as though most of the signatures are from the city of Regina. We have people living on Nollet Avenue, Grey Street, Church Drive. Someone from Southey, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker, obviously was in Regina and signed the petition. As well we have someone living on McIntosh Street, Hodgins, once again someone from Ituna, Mr. Speaker, obviously into Regina for the day and had the opportunity to sign the petition.

We have people living on Glasgow Street, Hanley Crescent, Rochdale. Once again another person in from Tantallon, Saskatchewan, and they had an opportunity to sign the petition, 1st Avenue North, Courtney Street, Moore Crescent, Rochdale Boulevard, Mr. Speaker, McKinley Avenue, Empress Street, and Burgess Street, as well as 1st Avenue North. All of these people, Mr. Speaker, are expressing their democratic right in opposition to the particular thing that I can't mention. But they have signed this petition, Mr. Speaker, exercising their democratic right, and I'm pleased to enter this petition onto the public record.

(1645)

Mr. Speaker, we have another petition from the city of Regina. This time one of these signatures, Mr. Speaker, comes from I think the member of Lakeview's

constituency. Atkinson Street — I note that there's someone from Atkinson Street that signed the petition, Mr. Speaker, as well as Hanbridge Crescent, Coldwell Road, McSherry Crescent, Athol Street, Hanbridge Crescent once again. It looks as though someone went through the apartment block, Mr. Speaker, and had different people in an apartment sign the petition. And we also had obviously someone in from White City who had the opportunity to sign the petition, Mr. Speaker. And I'm pleased to lay these signatures on the Table in order that these folks have the ability to express their democratic right. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, once again I have a number of petitions from Regina. These folks are expressing their democratic rights. They've been able to sign the petition. And, Mr. Speaker, they come from 12th Avenue, Krauss Street, Broad Street North, Angus Road, Trudelle Crescent, and Birchwood Road. Mr. Speaker, I believe that some of these people live in the constituency of Lakeview once again, Mr. Speaker. And I'm pleased to be able to present these signatures on behalf of the member of Lakeview, Mr. Speaker. And I'm pleased to lay these on the Table. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Atkinson: — Once again, Mr. Speaker, I have a number of signatories from the city of Regina. All of these folks have been able to sign the petition and I want to read their addresses into the record, Mr. Speaker. They live on Melrose Place, Donald Street, Mikkelson Drive, Rochdale Boulevard, Dunsmore Drive, Blackwood Street I believe, Mr. Speaker. I see someone motored in from Southey, Saskatchewan, and had the opportunity to sign the petition, Mr. Speaker. As well, Mr. Speaker, we have some folks from Edgar Street, Dewdney Avenue, Farrell Bay, Bright Bay, and Dunsmore Drive, as well as Lawrence Street. Mr. Speaker, I just want to put on the record that someone signed the petition from Dysart, Saskatchewan. And I'm pleased to be able to present these signatories to the Legislative Assembly for the government's perusal.

Mr. Speaker, I have some more signatures here. They are coming from the city of Regina. They, Mr. Speaker, come from Birchwood Road, Heffernan Drive, and Salemka, I think it is, Salemka Street, Mr. Speaker. Once again, I want to present these signatures to the legislature. These citizens are exercising their democratic right, Mr. Speaker, and I'm pleased to enter their signatures into the public record.

Mr. Speaker, once again I have another petition here. These folks seem to all be from the city of Regina, Mr. Speaker, with the exception of one. One person comes from Lebret, Saskatchewan, I believe. But, Mr. Speaker, these people are exercising their democratic right to sign a petition in the province of Saskatchewan.

They all come from the city of Regina with the exception of one. Their addresses are Graham Road, Whelan Drive, Fulton Drive, I believe it's Read Avenue, Walter Crescent, Sherman Road, Forsyth Crescent, Engel Drive, Devonshire, Hansen Drive, Bothwell Crescent, Lakewood Crescent, Tweedsmuir Bay, Rose Street,

Samuels Crescent, Church Drive, Carter Crescent, Retallack, and Scarth Street, Mr. Speaker.

And I understand that most of these citizens are living up in the north end of Regina. And we welcome these citizens and their democratic right to sign this petition. And once again, Mr. Speaker, I am extremely pleased to enter these 20 signatures into the public record, and through their member of the legislature, express their democratic right to sign this petition.

Mr. Speaker, once again we have a number of citizens from the city of Regina that have signed a petition. These citizens, all 20 of them, come from the city of Regina. They come from such areas as Wessel Bay, McCarthy Boulevard, Ewart Place, Bourne Street, Heffernan Drive, Woodsworth Crescent, Radisson Bay, Devonshire Drive, Cedar Meadow Drive, Hanley Crescent, Krauss Street, Dalgliesh Drive, Fyfe Street, Church Drive, Bastedo Crescent, Toothill Street, Champ Crescent, Ballantine Court, and Parsons Bay.

Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to enter their signatures into the public record as they have exercised their democratic right to sign petitions in the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here. All of these citizens hail from the good city of Regina. They have exercised their democratic right to sign a petition. They come from Donahue Avenue and Beamish — I believe it is — Street, Mr. Speaker. And once again, I am pleased to enter these signatures into the public record on behalf of all of those folks that signed the petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition that I'd like to enter into the record. Once again all of these folks come from the city of Regina. Many of them have not signed their home address so I can't state exactly where they come from in terms of the city, but some have indicated that they come from the Sherwood Estates in the city of Regina as well as Argyle Park.

And on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, — I recognize some of the signatories — I want to place this petition before the elected members of the Assembly for their perusal, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here that I'm pleased to enter into the public record. All of these folks, with the exception of one, come from the city of Regina. They come from such areas as Normanview West, Stanley Crescent out in McCarthy Park, McKinley Avenue in the Rosemont area, Levene Crescent, Grosvenor Street, which is out in Glencairn, Boyce Street, which is over in Walsh Acres, Springstein Avenue, Bell Street, Alexandra Street, Broad Street, Venture Road, Century Drive, Litzenberger Crescent, Rink Avenue, Retallack Street, McIntosh Street, Horace Street, some folks living out in Lakewood. Mr. Speaker, I see that there's someone here from Govan, Saskatchewan, as well as Lang, Saskatchewan, and Fort Qu'Appelle. In addition, Mr. Speaker, there are some people from the city — Kartusch Place, Mahon Bay, and I think it's Pederson Crescent, Mr. Speaker.

And I'm pleased to enter their names into the public record as they continue their opposition to the item explained in this petition. Thanks.

Mr. Speaker, I have several more signatures that I want to enter into the public

record. These folks come from Pilot Butte, and Twin Lakes, Mr. Speaker, as well as the city of Regina. And I see some of the folks from Regina live on Blakeney Drive, Blanchfield Street, Gibbings Bay, Battel Street, as well as R.R. no. 2, and Dewdney Avenue, Mr. Speaker. And once again I am pleased to enter their names into the public record, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here signed by a number of citizens from Vibank, and Regina. Most of the people did not sign their addresses, Mr. Speaker, but one did and that citizen lives on Bryden Bay. Mr. Speaker, these folks are exercising their democratic right to sign petitions in the province of Saskatchewan. They are urging the government to do something as explained on the petition, Mr. Speaker. I would like to present these signatures to the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker, for the government's perusal.

Mr. Speaker, I have a number of other signatures that I'd like to present to the legislature. These citizens come from the city of Regina, all 20 of them, Mr. Speaker. They haven't indicated exactly where they live, but from the signatures, Mr. Speaker, I'm of the view that many of these folks are elderly. They wanted to express their democratic right. And on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to enter into the public record their signatures urging the government to do what's explained in the petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here from the city of Regina. All the people who signed this petition did not indicate where they live in the city of Regina, but once again, Mr. Speaker, all of the signatures appear to be from elderly people. They once again are exercising their democratic right to sign a petition, Mr. Speaker, and I'm pleased to enter their signatures into the public record.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition. Once again this petition is from the city of Regina, and all of these signatories, Mr. Speaker, have indicated their address so I'm able to tell you where they live. They live on Markwell Drive, Hanbidge Crescent, Cole Street, Kelsey Street, Whelan Drive, Markwell Drive, Sangster Boulevard, Cedar Meadow Drive, Dalgliesh Drive, Litzenberger Crescent, Thomas Bay, Kestral Drive. Oh, Mr. Speaker, here's someone from Estevan, Saskatchewan. They live on Hudson Road. Obviously they were visiting the city of Regina and had the opportunity to sign the petition.

As well, Mr. Speaker, there are citizens living on Battel Street in Regina, Wellband Drive, Rink Avenue, Blanchfield, L'Arche Crescent, Angus Boulevard, Angus Road, I believe it is, Mr. Speaker, Petersmeyer Crescent, and Schneider Crescent. And, Mr. Speaker, once again on behalf of all of these people that took the opportunity to sign this petition, which is their democratic right, I'm pleased to enter their signatures into the public record.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, I have another petition

from the city of Regina. All of these people, Mr. Speaker, did not sign their addresses so I can't tell you where they live, Mr. Speaker. But I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, that all of these citizens come from the city of Regina. And once again, Mr. Speaker, on their behalf I am pleased to enter this petition into the public record.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition, and many of the people that signed this petition come from the city of Prince Albert and surrounding areas. They live, Mr. Speaker, on Central Avenue West, 5th Street West, 10th Street East, Central Avenue again, Central Avenue West. Mr. Speaker, obviously some folks had motored in from Shell Lake and had the opportunity to spend the day in P.A., and they signed the petition.

As well, Mr. Speaker, we have some folks that live in rural route Prince Albert, and they signed the petition; some folks living on Dunn Drive, 25th Street West. Oh, Mr. Speaker, a couple of people in from Canwood, Saskatchewan and they were able to sign the petition. As well we have people living on 2nd Avenue West, 25th Street West, and 26th Street West, Mr. Speaker.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to enter this petition into the record. These folks have exercised their democratic right, and as an elected member of the legislature, I'm pleased to lay these signatures on the Table.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, I have another petition . . .

The Speaker: — Being 5 o'clock, the House stands recessed until 7 p.m.

The Assembly recessed until 7 p.m.