

The Assembly met at 2 p.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Mr. Romanow: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 11 of the rules of the Legislative Assembly, I have four or five petitions which I'd like to lay before you, sir, and on the Table of the House.

I'll read the first prayer, which I gather is allowed once, and then I'll following your ruling as best as I can thereafter. These petitions are all of the same and they are summarized by this prayer:

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.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Romanow: — And, Mr. Speaker, this petition which I shall lay before you, sir, has been signed by people from the communities of Warman, Choiceland, Garrick, Codette, Regina, Smeaton, Lanigan, Nipawin — as examples of the wide-ranging protest in this petition, sir.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Romanow: — The next petition is of the same nature, Mr. Speaker. And as I looked down the list of the names here, these are all . . . no, I'm sorry, most of them are from Prince Albert with the exception of some signatories who come from Saskatoon and from Duck Lake, Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet, another petition with the same petition and prayer. This list of signatories come essentially — in fact entirely — from the city of Saskatoon, sir.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, again while I have your attention, I have another petition — same prayer as the others with respect to the government stopping the provincial GST (goods and services tax). This one is composed of people who have signed, and as I look down the list, all of these people are residents of the city of Prince Albert.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, the next list of petitioners, again the same prayer as before, and this is also a signed, completed list, signed by people from Shellbrook, Saskatchewan; Leask, Prince Albert, Edam, Big River, and

one actually from Beauval, Mr. Speaker, which as we know is in northern Saskatchewan. And that's a fairly good cross-section of residents who oppose this tax as well.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Romanow: — Mr. Speaker, before I take my place I have but two more to table. This one is again the same prayer as before, urging the government to stop the provincial GST, and it's signed by people from Prince Albert, from Saskatoon, from Macdowall — which is just outside of Prince Albert, as you know, sir — Domremy, from as well Prince Albert. I guess I've mentioned that. These are the signatures here, sir.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Romanow: — And finally for me today, Mr. Speaker, I would like to lay on the Table another petition pursuant to rule no. 11, again with the same prayer urging the government to stop the provincial GST. And this has been signed by residents of the province of Saskatchewan from Choiceland, Snowden, from Carrot River, from Nipawin, from Yorkton, Willowbrook. I think I've mentioned Kinistino before, but I'll mention Kinistino just to make sure that this petitioner is identified, and of course several more from Choiceland. It's my pleasure to table this petition also, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Smart: — Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to introduce some guests.

The Speaker: — The hon. member has asked leave to introduce guests. Is leave granted?

Leave granted.

The Speaker: — With the understanding that all introductions may take place now.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Smart: — Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to introduce to you, and through you to the members of the legislature, a number of senior citizens who are in the east gallery today. They've been part of a very large delegation of seniors who have met with the opposition because of their concern about the sales tax and asking that the sales tax be withdrawn. I would like to ask these seniors if they will please stand to receive a warm welcome from the members of the legislature.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Martin: — And, Mr. Speaker, in my role as a minister to the seniors, I too would like to welcome them to the House. Many of these seniors I've had an opportunity to talk to as I travelled around the province. I'm delighted to see them here today, and I hope I have an opportunity to talk to them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. McLaren: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to introduce to you, and through you to all members of the Assembly, 43 grade 4 students from Columbia School in Yorkton. They're seated in your gallery, Mr. Speaker, and they're accompanied today by two of their teachers, Luba Lubenko and Maureen Pankoski; and a couple of chaperons, Deanna Klynstra and Tammy Clark.

I have kind of a soft spot in my heart for Columbia School because some of my children started their education in Columbia School. And we hope that you enjoy the proceedings in the legislature, your tour of the building, and we would also wish you the best of luck in your upcoming exams and hope that you have a happy and safe summer.

I'll be meeting with you to have pictures taken and refreshments at 2:30. I would ask all members to please welcome the guests from Columbia School in Yorkton.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gleim: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure today on behalf of the member for Milestone, which is unable to be here right at this moment, to introduce 25 grade 11 and 12 students from the school of Avonlea. It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the member from Milestone to do this for him. And I too want to thank you and welcome you all for coming here today, and especially the teachers, Karen Bedford and Brent Lothian, and bus driver Janet Day.

The member will be back to have his pictures taken with you later on at 3 o'clock and ask questions of the Assembly at 3:05. So I hope you enjoy your stay and your listen and get some knowledge of what's happening here today. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I'd like everybody to welcome these students.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lautermilch: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's my privilege today to introduce to you and to all members of the House, a group of 40 grade 6 and 7 students from Osborne School near Prince Albert. Mr. Speaker, these students have come a long way to view the proceedings of the legislature, to visit the museum, and the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) barracks as well. Mr. Speaker, they're accompanied by their teachers Tom Halyk, Bob Miller and Winston Bierwirth, and chaperons Dorothy Cholewa, Corrine Amyotte and Barb Sluchinski. I would ask all members to give them a warm welcome to the legislature, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Kowalsky: — Mr. Speaker, it's very much a pleasure to join my colleague from Prince Albert-Duck Lake in welcoming the people from Osborne School. And I want to say to all these students from there to have a safe journey home, and it's really great to see that your teachers have brought you down here to Regina. Thank you.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lyons: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all let me express my welcome to the senior citizens as well who have gathered in the legislature today to watch the actions of both the opposition and the government as we're involved in this historic debate. I notice there's a goodly number from the constituency of Regina Rosemont, and I want to extend a particular welcome to those senior citizens. I have the honour to represent them here in the legislature.

As well, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce another special group which is seated in your gallery, sir. There are 12 adults who are students at the English as a second language centre in the constituency of Regina Rosemont.

These students are all recent residents in the province of Saskatchewan, enjoying the legislature and its goings-on for the first time. They are accompanied by their teacher, Ms. Elsa Turek, and Ms. Turek is with them here today. We'll be meeting with those students at 2:30 or thereabouts for a photo opportunity on the stairs of the legislature, and for refreshments in Room 255 after. And I'd ask all members of this Assembly to welcome these newcomers to Saskatchewan and newcomers to this Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you, and through you to all members of the Legislative Assembly, some 64 grade 8 students from Weyburn Junior High School in Weyburn.

As members of the Assembly will know, at this time of the year, and because the teachers and students take a big interest in parliamentary democracy, many schools from Weyburn come to visit the legislature at this time of the year, and I'm pleased to have these 64 students from Weyburn Junior High here today. They're seated in the west gallery, Mr. Speaker.

I'll be meeting with them about 2:30 to answer some questions and take some pictures. They are today accompanied by their teachers Trevor Johnston, seated on the floor, as well as Garry Kruger, and accompanied by chaperons Wayne Vilcu and bus driver Anita Neilson.

Mr. Speaker, I'd ask you and all members of the legislature to join me in extending a warm welcome to these students, teachers, and parents from Weyburn, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Tusa: — I too would like to take this opportunity to make an introduction. I note in the Speaker's gallery a friend of mine from my constituency who is here to view the proceedings of the House, Mr. Dale Flavel. Please welcome Mr. Flavel.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Van Mulligen: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I note a visitor in the east gallery, and when I say

her name I'm sure that you will agree that she is notable for the contribution that she has made to our neighbourhood, to our community, and to the city of Regina.

I would ask you and all members to join with me to welcome Councillor Doreen Hamilton, who we hope will also make a contribution to the province as our candidate from Wascana Plains.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

PRESENTING PETITIONS (continued)

Mr. Rolfes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to rule 11 to present a number of petitions on behalf of residents of Saskatchewan. And in part, Mr. Speaker, the people who have signed this petition have done so because of the Bill 61 that is before the legislature.

And I would like to read, Mr. Speaker, the prayer, as I believe is permitted to do so, on the first petition and then, Mr. Speaker, I will present these to the legislature. And in part it says . . . and the people are asking and requesting the Provincial Government that it does not have a mandate from the people of Saskatchewan to impose the major tax increases which would result from the 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.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rolfes: — Mr. Speaker, the petitions that I will be tabling today, as I indicated, are not just from Saskatoon, the city that I have an opportunity to represent, but from all over Saskatchewan. And the first one that I will be tabling before the legislature today are people from Rosetown, from Harris, Elrose, also from Saskatoon, Mildred, Indian Head, and Swift Current. And, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these people, I am very pleased to table this petition in the legislature.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rolfes: — Mr. Speaker, the next petition that I have again comes from . . . the people who have signed this petition come from various parts of Saskatchewan. I note areas such as Indian Head, Qu'Appelle, Vibank, Odessa, Lebret. I see here again also Regina, Sinaluta, Churchbridge, and so on, Mr. Speaker. And these people have asked me again to present the petition for them in the legislature and I'm pleased to do so.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rolfes: — The next petition, Mr. Speaker, that I have comes from the south-eastern part of the province and in fact, Mr. Speaker, I think they all come from the constituency of Estevan which the Premier represents.

And again these people have asked me to present the petition on their behalf and I am very pleased to do that at this particular time.

The next petition that I will be presenting, Mr. Speaker, I note are mostly people from the city of Moose Jaw. And, Mr. Speaker, we also have, I believe, an individual from Crane Valley who has signed this petition, and Pense, Saskatchewan. And on behalf of the residents of Moose Jaw and the other two centres, I am pleased to present this petition to the legislature.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rolfes: — The next petition, Mr. Speaker, comes from the western part of the province. We have people who have signed this petition coming from Biggar, from Elrose, and again from Rosetown. And on behalf of these people, I wish to table this petition at this moment, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the next petition that I am presenting to the legislature today comes entirely, I believe, from Montmartre, Saskatchewan. And I note one name here from Candiac, but the rest are all from Montmartre, Saskatchewan. And on behalf of the people from that area, I am pleased to table this petition today.

Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition here again from the city of Moose Jaw. Yes, they're all from the city of Moose Jaw. And on behalf of the residents of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to be able to present this petition in the legislature.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rolfes: — Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Tantalton, Saskatchewan, I am very pleased to present a petition on their behalf, expressing their particular views and enabling them to use their democratic right to present their views to the legislature through one of their elected representatives. And I am pleased to present that petition to the legislature today.

Mr. Speaker, the next petition that I wish to present on behalf of residents of Saskatchewan come from the south-east area of the province, mostly from Arcola but also from Kiseby, and Carlyle. And again, Mr. Speaker, these people are expressing their concerns to the government through this petition, and I wish to present the petition and table it in the House today.

Mr. Speaker, let me now go to the south-western part of the province, the area of Maple Creek. These people also have expressed their concern by signing the petition, and also from the town of Consul, and Dollard, I believe. And they have asked through this petition for the opposition to present their views and let the government know their particular views. And on behalf of these people from Maple Creek, and Consul, I am very pleased to table this petition today.

Mr. Speaker, let me return now to the city of Saskatoon. And I note, Mr. Speaker, that most of the people who have signed this petition come from the area that I have had the honour to represent for the last, well, 16 of the last 20 years. And these people I know would want me to

mention that they are from that particular area of Saskatoon and they are concerned about what's happening in the legislature and are using the petition to express their views through their elected representative. And I'm using this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to present their concerns to the government by tabling this petition.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rolfes: — Mr. Speaker, I now would like to turn to the north-eastern part of the province and the far north-east, and that is the area of Hudson Bay.

I know a lot of people in the area of Hudson Bay, Mr. Speaker, and I know that they would like me to present their petition on their behalf. And I notice also there's one name from Mistatim, Saskatchewan. And on behalf of the people of the north-eastern part of the province, I am very pleased to present the petition and table it in the legislature today.

Mr. Speaker, I now would like to turn to the area surrounding Saskatoon, and Saskatoon itself. I noticed on this particular petition we have people from Young, Saskatchewan. We also have people from Saskatoon. We have people from Clavet. And we have people from well, the city of Regina — not exactly in Saskatoon but very close.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these people I am pleased to present this petition today.

Mr. Speaker, I now want to turn again to the wonderful city of Moose Jaw, who are certainly expressing . . .

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rolfes: — The residents of Moose Jaw certainly are expressing their views through signing these petitions. And I am very pleased on behalf of these residents who have signed this petition, who reside in Moose Jaw, to table this petition on their behalf today.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rolfes: — Mr. Speaker, I would like to now turn to the eastern part of the province — the eastern-central part of the province around Kamsack and Pelly, Saskatchewan; Veregine, and so on. These people also are expressing their concerns about the issue that is before this legislature today, and by signing this petition are asking us, through one of their elected representatives, to make their views known to the government, and on their behalf I am tabling this petition today.

Mr. Speaker, I want to now return to the constituency of Estevan and particularly the city of Estevan. A number of people again from the city of Estevan have signed this petition and are indicating their views to the government on the issue that is before this legislature. I also note that there is one person who has signed from the village of Bienfait.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people who have signed this petition from the city of Estevan and the one individual from Bienfait, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to

present this petition to the legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I want to now return to the south-eastern part of the province and the area of Indian Head. I have a petition here signed mainly from the people of Indian Head but also from Sintaluta and Moosomin, and I see a few names, Mr. Speaker, of people who reside in Regina and a couple of people from Kendal, Saskatchewan. On behalf of those people, Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to table this petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have one last petition that I would like to table in the legislature today. This petition is signed by people from various areas of the province. We have Rosetown, Mr. Speaker, Saskatoon, Alsask, Eston, Brock, and Zealandia, Swift Current, and so on.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people from these parts of the province of Saskatchewan it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present and table this petition.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Brockelbank: — Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table some petitions this afternoon. To begin with, Mr. Speaker, I will read the prayer:

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

The prayer of course, Mr. Speaker, is referring to the new 7 per cent GST on books and periodicals or reading material of Saskatchewan people.

This particular petition, Mr. Speaker, is signed by people in the main from city of Regina, although I see a signature here from Lipton, Saskatchewan, and a couple of signatures from Lumsden, Saskatchewan.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure under rule 11(2), Mr. Speaker, to lay this petition on the Table for the Assembly.

I have a further petition with the same prayer, Mr. Speaker and I will avoid reading the prayer again. This particular petition is from mainly rural Saskatchewan, areas such as Punnichy, Quinton, and more from Punnichy and Quinton, Saskatchewan. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to lay this petition on the Table for the hon. members of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

I have a further petition I want to refer to at this time, Mr. Speaker. This petition has a different prayer and I will read the prayer to acquaint the Assembly with the facts of the matter as regards this petition. Under rule 11(2) I wish to present the petition where the prayer says:

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.

This particular petition, Mr. Speaker, is signed by people from . . . I see the Lakeview area of Saskatoon, which will be in the new constituency of Wildwood, Saskatoon, exclusively from that area of the city, Mr. Speaker. And it gives me a great deal of pleasure to lay this petition on the Table for the members of the Assembly.

The next petition, Mr. Speaker, is a petition of the same nature. And it's signed by people from the city of Saskatoon exclusively. And I want to take this opportunity to lay their petition on the Table under rule 11(2), Mr. Speaker.

I have a further petition, Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer attached. These people are from all over the Nutana side of the city of Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker. I see a number of addresses that indicate how widely this particular petition has been circulated. And I also see a name on here from Clavet, Saskatchewan, as well.

So therefore, Mr. Speaker, I take great pleasure and — I see one from the constituency of Saskatoon Westmount — I take great pleasure in laying this petition on the Table, Mr. Speaker.

Another petition, Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer, and it's largely from Saskatoon city. However it's from a number of different places in the city of Saskatoon, would cover several different constituencies in Saskatoon. And I want to lay this petition on the Table for the hon. members of the Assembly, Mr. Speaker.

While I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I want to move a motion moved by myself, seconded by the member from Elphinstone, that notwithstanding the rules of this Assembly, and following the adoption of this motion, that this Assembly now proceed directly to the consideration of Bill No. 55, An Act respecting Programs to Stabilize the Income of Agricultural Producers. And I do therefore move, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: — I would like to bring the following to the member's attention, from Saskatoon Westmount. Superseding motions can only be introduced by leave. You must ask leave.

Mr. Brockelbank: — I certainly want to ask leave to get to this very important matter, especially at this time, Mr. Speaker, Bill No. 55, An Act respecting Programs to Stabilize the Income of Agricultural Producers in Saskatchewan, and I do therefore ask leave, Mr. Speaker.

Leave not granted.

The Speaker: — Next member for petitions, the hon. member for Saskatoon Fairview.

An Hon. Member: — Could I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker?

The Speaker: — What is your point of order?

Mr. Brockelbank: — My point of order is to inquire as to the reason why I do not have the floor, since I had the floor.

The Speaker: — The hon. member has asked leave to introduce a motion. By so doing he has taken his seat and given up any further right to present petitions. Therefore we move to the next member.

Mr. Mitchell: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have for submission to the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, a number of petitions under rule 11. And the thrust of these petitions are that the petitioners pray that this 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.

The first petition that I wish to submit is a petition signed by a large number of Saskatchewan residents from the city of Moose Jaw, the city of Saskatoon, as well as the village of Dalmeny. And I take pleasure in submitting that petition for approval.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Mitchell: — The next petition, Mr. Speaker, to a similar effect — not precisely the same effect but to a similar effect — has been signed by a large number of residents of the city of Moose Jaw. This petition was taken on April 17 and April 18 of this year, and I have the honour to lay it on the Table of this Assembly.

I also have a petition, Mr. Speaker, signed by residents of Moose Jaw, Regina, Swift Current, Palmer, as well as one signature by a resident of the city of Edmonton. And I take pleasure in tabling this petition. Thank you.

I have a further petition, Mr. Speaker, which has been signed by residents of the city . . . all from the city of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker. And I would like to lay this petition on the Table.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, this one signed by residents of the city of Moose Jaw as well as a resident of Maple Creek and a resident of Old Wives, which I believe is in the Thunder Creek constituency. And I have the honour to table that petition.

I have next a petition signed by residents of my own city, Mr. Speaker, the city of Saskatoon, as well as one person who is a woman from the state of California. And I have the pleasure to lay that petition on the Table, Mr. Speaker.

The next petition that I would like to submit, Mr. Speaker, has been signed by a large number of residents of the city of Saskatoon, together with a resident of Regina, the town of Nipawin, and the town of Dundurn, Saskatchewan. And I have the pleasure to submit that petition to this Assembly.

The next petition that I would like to table, Mr. Speaker, under the same rule, has been signed by residents of my home city of Saskatoon, as well as residents of Vanscoy, and Osler — small communities near Saskatoon — and a resident of the city of Regina. And I would like to submit that petition, Mr. Speaker.

My next petition, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to table under rule 11 has been signed by residents of my home

city of Saskatoon, all of whom come from the constituency of Saskatoon Eastview. And I would like to table that petition.

My next petition, Mr. Speaker, has been signed by a number of residents, all from my home city of Saskatoon. And I, with pleasure, table that petition.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, that has been signed again by residents of my home city of Saskatoon. And I have the honour to table on their behalf that petition.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, this one signed by residents of Bengough as well as Zealandia, and Brock. These are communities, of course, in the province of Saskatchewan, and I have the honour to table that petition on their behalf.

The next petition that I wish to table under rule 11, Mr. Speaker, is signed by a large number of residents of this province, all of whom live at various addresses in the city of Regina. And I have the honour to table this petition on their behalf.

My next petition, Mr. Speaker, has been signed by residents of the south-west part of the province, chiefly from the city of Swift Current but also including residents of Cabri and of Pennant. And I have the honour to table this petition on their behalf.

I am nearing the end, Mr. Speaker. I have a petition here which is to the same effect as the previous ones which have been signed by residents of the city of Regina for the most part, but also including the communities of Pilot Butte, and Balgonie. And it is my honour to table this petition on their behalf.

I have another petition to table under rule 11, Mr. Speaker, and this has been signed by a large number of residents of the city of Regina, as well as the city of Moose Jaw, a resident of Saskatoon, and a resident of Balcarres, Saskatchewan. And I have the honour to table this petition on their behalf.

The next petition that I wish to file, Mr. Speaker, has been signed by residents of Moose Jaw, as well as Prince Albert, Regina, and Rockglen — all in the province of Saskatchewan. And I have the honour to table this petition on their behalf.

And my final petition, Mr. Speaker, that I wish to table on this day has been signed by residents of Moose Jaw, as well as Medicine Hat, Calgary — two people who were in the province of Saskatchewan and lent their name to these petitions. And I have the honour to table this petition on their behalf. And I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your patience while I table those documents.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Smart: — I too rise pursuant to rule 11 to ask leave to present petitions here in the legislature. The petition that I'm presenting, I want to give the content of the prayer so that you will know what the petition is about. In this petition the people are humbly praying:

... 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, Mr. Speaker, this petition that I have has 10 signatures on it from the city of Saskatoon. I recognize two names as constituents of Saskatoon Centre and the others come from other parts of the city of Saskatoon. And on their behalf I'm pleased to lay this petition on the Table for the consideration of the members of the legislature.

And, Mr. Speaker, another petition also from the city of Saskatoon on the same topic. The people in this petition have signed their names and they come from various parts of the city of Saskatoon — Victoria Avenue, Taylor Street, 8th Street East, Main Street. And, Mr. Speaker, this petition is duly signed and with the names printed as well and I'm pleased to lay it on the Table of the Legislative Assembly for consideration of the members. Thank you.

The next petition that I have, Mr. Speaker, has a particular concern regarding the tax on reading. The prayer on this petition is:

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

And this petition has 20 signatures on it, all of them from the town of Davidson, Saskatchewan, except for one from Elbow, Saskatchewan. And on behalf of the 20 petitioners, I'm pleased to lay this petition on the Table for the consideration of the members of the Assembly.

A similar petition on the same topic, Mr. Speaker, again with 20 signatures. Most of the people on this petition live in Davidson, Saskatchewan. There's someone from Girvin. There's a signature from Bladworth; two from Bladworth, Mr. Speaker. And on behalf of these 20 petitioners, I'm pleased to lay their petition on the Table for the consideration of the members.

The petition that I now want to put on the Table, Mr. Speaker — 2, 4, 6, 7 signatures from the town of Milestone, Saskatchewan. And this is a petition similar to the first one that I introduced here, and the signatures seem to be all in order so I'm pleased to lay this petition on the Table for consideration of the members.

Most of the people on this petition, again on this same topic, Mr. Speaker, come from the city of Saskatoon. There's a signature here from Meadow Lake and one from Elrose, Saskatchewan. And on behalf of these petitioners I submit this petition for our consideration.

Mr. Speaker, it's my understanding when we present petitions that they must have a minimum of three signatures on them in order to be recognized by the Legislative Assembly. This petition has three signatures from the city of Saskatoon on the same topic, and I'm pleased to present it on behalf of the people on that petition.

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And this petition that I have also has the minimum of three signatures, but they are all in order with the signature and the printed name and the address, all from the city of Saskatoon. I present it to the Legislative Assembly.

And, Mr. Speaker, this time I have a petition from several places — fully 20 signatures on this petition — from Regina, from White City, from Balgonie and from many streets and addresses in Regina. It looks all in order. It's on the same topic as the other petitions and I'm pleased to present it to the Legislative Assembly.

Again a petition from Regina, from Garnet Street, Queen Street, Bowman, Forsyth, all of the signatures on here are from Regina, 16 signatures. And it's on the topic of the others so I've signed it and I'm pleased to present it to the legislature today.

Now this petition that I'm presenting, which is on the same topic, Mr. Speaker, has a full 20 signatures on it. And the people on this petition come mainly from the city of Weyburn, Saskatchewan. There are two or three people from Yellow Grass, Viceroy, Fillmore, and Corning, Saskatchewan. And on behalf of these people who have signed this petition and printed their names very clearly, I present the petition on their behalf for the consideration of the Assembly.

And this petition has four signatures. It looks like all of them are from Weyburn, Saskatchewan. And again I present these four signatures for the Legislative Assembly.

I have 20 signatures now, all from the city of Regina, all on the same topic, all signed, sealed, and delivered, as they are supposed to be. And so I present them to the Legislative Assembly for our consideration.

This is another petition, all from the city of Regina and contains 11 signatures. So I present it for our consideration.

Mr. Speaker, this petition that I'm going to present has 20 signatures on it. It's signed and printed but it contains only street addresses so I'm not sure what community it's from. I think it may be Regina, but they live on Schiller Bay, Blackwood Street North, Bennett Drive, Beamish Drive, Lawrence Drive, Dolan, Wadge, Lanigan Drive, Stephens Bay, again, Hind Street, Whelan Drive, Spooner Drive, Kenderdine Drive. This is from Erindale — I recognize it now — the Erindale community of Saskatoon. So on behalf of the petitioners from Erindale, Saskatoon, I present that.

This petition, on the same topic, Mr. Speaker, contains 20 signatures. Most are from Saskatoon but there are signatures here . . . one from Estevan, two, three, four, five from Estevan — five from Estevan on this petition and the rest are from Saskatoon. And I present this petition for our consideration and lay it on the Table.

And now, Mr. Speaker, this petition that I have . . . this petition that I'm presenting with 20 signatures on it is mostly from Estevan. Almost all the signatures are from Estevan, one from Lampman — signed and printed and fully complied with in terms of the rules of the legislature,

so I present it to our Assembly today.

Again on the same topic, Mr. Speaker, this one is also from Estevan, and Bienfait, and North Portal, Saskatchewan. From all over the province people are presenting petitions on the same topic, and I'm pleased to lay it on the Table on their behalf.

And another petition — full — 20 signatures all from Estevan, except one from Benson. And it looks like they're all signed properly. I've signed them and I present it to the Legislative Assembly.

Now this petition takes us back to Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker. There are two, four, six, eleven signatures on this petition from Clarence Avenue North, College Drive; one from Warman, Saskatchewan; one from Langham, Saskatchewan; the others from Saskatoon. And on their behalf I present this petition to the legislature.

Mr. Speaker, all these petitions that I've been presenting are on the same topic, as is this one which contains a number of signatures. And it's interesting that this petition has been signed in Saskatoon, in Maidstone, someone from North Battleford, and two people from Regina have signed this petition. And everything's in order. I present it on their behalf to the Legislative Assembly.

This is a petition from Saskatoon. I certainly recognize these streets — Lake Crescent, Main Street, 10th Street East, and McLellan Avenue. A number of signatures of petitioners which I am pleased to lay on the Table on behalf of those residents of Saskatoon.

And this one as well is mainly people from Saskatoon — 10th Street, Kingsmere Boulevard, Taylor Street, Hilliard Street, 11th Street. But there's a signature here from someone from Nipawin and one from Lloydminster. And on their behalf I present this petition to the Legislative Assembly, and I've signed it as I'm supposed to do.

Some of these petitions come from the downtown area of Saskatoon, which I am more familiar with than I was with the community of Erindale which is a new area in Saskatoon. This one is from people in the . . . more in the centre of the city of Saskatoon — Colony Street, and University Drive, Dufferin Avenue, 15th Street East, and Thompson Avenue, and 14th Street East. And on behalf of these petitioners on the same topic, Mr. Speaker, I present this petition for the Legislative Assembly.

Another petition with a minimum of three signatures on it — but that's in order, according to the rules of the Assembly — so I present these three petitioners on the same topic and ask that the Assembly give due consideration to their concerns.

This is another petition from Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker, with two, four, six, eight, ten, twelve, thirteen signatures on it; two from Bradwell, Saskatchewan, actually, and the rest from Saskatoon from a variety of streets — Cory Avenue, McKercher, 14th Street, Bottomley Avenue. On their behalf I present this petition to the legislature on the same topic as before.

And now, Mr. Speaker, I have a petition mainly from the

people in Bulyea, Saskatchewan; one from Siltan, and a signature from . . . two from Siltan, and it's a full petition with 20 signatures, with the signatures and the printed names and the telephone numbers, Mr. Speaker, on the same topic. And I'm pleased on behalf of these petitioners to present this petition.

And this petition is similar. I'm getting very close to the end of the petitions that I have to present today. They're all on the same topic. And this one is full, with 20 signatures all from Bulyea, Saskatchewan; Siltan. And they ask our consideration of the topic under review, and I'm pleased to lay this petition on their behalf.

And my final petition today, Mr. Speaker, comes from Bulyea, Strasbourg, Regina, and Siltan — 20 signatures, 20 printed names, and the telephone numbers. And I lay this on behalf of the petitioners. I draw this to the attention of the Legislative Assembly and hope that we will address their concerns. Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trew: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too join my colleagues in presenting a petition pursuant to rule 11 of the Legislative Assembly:

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.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trew: — The people on this petition, Mr. Speaker, are primarily from the Argyle Park area of Regina. And I see a couple of signatures from Craven as well, so it has a rural component to it. I am pleased on behalf of my constituents and a couple of other people to submit this petition to the legislature. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition with the same prayer, of course. This time the petitioners are from the Coronation Park area of Regina, again an area that I am currently the MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) for, so I am very pleased on behalf of these people to table this petition in the legislature.

An Hon. Member: — Good MLA, too.

Mr. Trew: — Thank you. And thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition, this time primarily from Regina, but I see a couple of signatures from McLean, Saskatchewan; Coronation Park, and east of Coronation Park in the Highland Park area of Regina but described as north-central Regina. On behalf of the 24 people who have taken the time to sign this petition, it is

my duty and honour and privilege to table the petition here.

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition, this time from Regina — it looks like the same general north-central area of Regina — and on behalf of these petitioners, I'm pleased to table this petition.

The next petition I have, Mr. Speaker, comes from the north Highland Park area of Regina, and one signature I notice the address is from south-east part of Regina. And I'm pleased on behalf of these people to table this petition.

The next petition I have is . . . looks like much closer to the centre of the city of Regina, I believe from the constituency of Regina Elphinstone. It is my pleasure and honour to submit this petition for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, it's my responsibility to submit this petition — people from Uplands, from Coronation Park, from Walsh Acres, all of those neighbourhoods in Regina. I see some other signatures from right down town in Regina. And it is my pleasure and my duty and my honour to table this petition.

(1500)

An Hon. Member: — I can't believe the interest that's maintained in the gallery today.

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Speaker, it's hard to believe that somebody could nod off, watching from the Speaker's gallery. But the next petition that I have is from the Argyle Park community, again an area that I represent. And this is serious, that I represent these people. I am pleased and honoured and duty-bound to present this petition on behalf of my constituents.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trew: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The next petition I have is from the Uplands area of the city of Regina, the north-east corner. We anchor the city right by the Co-op Refinery. And on behalf of the 20 or so people who've taken the time to sign this petition, I am duty-bound to present the petition, as is my honour to do so, to the Legislative Assembly.

I have a petition, this time from Argyle Park, exclusively from Argyle Park by all of the records here. It's an area that I represent and I'm very honoured that the people have chosen me to do so. I'm pleased on behalf of these residents of Argyle Park in the north end of Regina to submit this petition, which is along the lines of every other petition I have presented this day.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trew: — Thank you, and I'm sure the people of Argyle Park, where this petition comes from, also appreciate the applause on their behalf for them having taken the time to sign this petition with the same prayer as the previous ones. Again on behalf of the 20 or so residents of Argyle Park, I'm pleased to present this

petition.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Speaker, I have a petition with signatories from Pilot Butte and from Strasbourg and a few from Regina itself. It is my pleasure to present this petition, which is in the exact same form as the other petitions I have presented thus far today.

The next petition I have comes from primarily Saskatoon. There is also a signature from Prud'homme. The Saskatoon is 108th Street, Wollaston Crescent, Lakeview, McKercher, East Hill, Smoothstone Crescent. And on behalf of the 20 signatories of this petition, it is indeed my pleasure to table this petition for the consideration of the government and the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, the asleep have woken. It is my pleasure this time to present a petition from Balgonie, Regina Beach, Regina city proper. There's 23 signatories on this petition, which is in the same form as all of the other petitions. I'm delighted on behalf of these 23 people to table this petition.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from the city of Saskatoon. There's 20 signatures representing 20 people from Saskatoon who have taken the time and made the effort to sign this petition opposing the provincial GST and asking the government to stop passage. I table the petition.

I have a petition this time, Mr. Speaker, from Coronation Park, from the Uplands area, and from the extreme north-west part of the city of Regina. And on behalf of the just-shy-of 20 people who have taken the time to sign this petition, it is my duty, my privilege, and my honour to table this petition before the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, this time we're back to Saskatoon with 20 more signatures, 20 more people who are following the same prayer as the previous petitions. And on behalf of these 20 people, I am delighted to be able to table this legislature here.

Mr. Speaker, the next petition I have is again from the Argyle Park community in the north end of Regina. Although it's interesting, there's another signature from Moosomin, Saskatchewan; one from Regina Beach, and several from the Coronation Park area; but primarily from Trifunov Crescent, Magee Crescent, Schneider Crescent, and one from Walsh Acres on Dalglish Drive. On behalf of this petition with 20 signatures of the people who have signed it, it is my duty, my honour, my privilege, my pleasure, to table this petition with the others.

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition here primarily from Saskatoon, although there is a signature from a woman from Outlook as well. Outlook is a community that I lived in for a year, so I'm pleased to be able to table this petition with 20 signatures, the same prayer as the previous ones. I'm pleased to lay this before the Legislative Assembly.

I have a petition . . . this time the petitioners who have taken the time to sign this petition come from Walsh Acres in the north-west part of the city of Regina. Many of these are relatively neighbours of mine, living within three or four blocks of where I live. And it is my pleasure, again, to submit this petition for the consideration of the government and the Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

I have a petition with 20 signatures, primarily from Saskatoon. Again, a signature from Outlook and one from Lanigan and one from Imperial. I suspect you would . . . oh, and one from Delisle. So a fairly broad cross-section but primarily from the city of Saskatoon. On behalf of these 20 signatories, it is my honour, my duty, my privilege, and my pleasure to table this petition.

I have a petition from the south-east part of the city of Regina and there is . . . it looks like about 14 signatures on this one — yes, it's 14. On behalf of these people in south-east Regina, it is my pleasure to table this petition. This petition having the same prayer, Mr. Speaker, as all of the previous petitions that I've submitted today.

I have a petition from Unity, Maidstone, Cut Knife, Baldwin, North Battleford, with 20 signatures on it. On behalf of these 20 people from the north-west part of the province, it is my pleasure and honour to be able to table this petition, Mr. Speaker.

I have a petition, Mr. Speaker, from my own neighbourhood, from Walsh Acres. The signatories on this are primarily from Rink Avenue in Walsh Acres. And on behalf of these people who've taken the time to sign this petition, Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege, my honour, my pleasure, and my joy and my duty to table this petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from Saskatoon, exclusively from Saskatoon, but chock-full, 20 signatures on it. People signed the petition with the same prayer as all of the prior petitions, and on behalf of these 20 people from Saskatoon I submit this petition to the Legislative Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Speaker, I have a petition with 20 signatures from the Indian Head-Wolseley constituency. Signatures from Wolseley, Lemberg, Montmartre, Grenfell, Windthorst — I believe I said Montmartre — from that area. And on behalf of these 20 petitioners, who are currently without an MLA, I am pleased to present this petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition with the required number of signatures, all of them from Regina, all of them from Regina. On behalf of this multitude of people from Regina, I present this petition.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from White City, Regina, Kronau, Saskatchewan; and the rest from Regina. It looks like a dozen signatures on this petition. It is my duty and pleasure to table this petition for the consideration of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly.

The next petition has 20 signatures from Argyle Park, rural Regina, and I recognize one as being in Walsh Acres in north-west Regina. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these 20 people, it is my pleasure to table the petition.

I have two final petitions, Mr. Speaker. This one from Saskatoon, Bradwell, Hanley, and back to Saskatoon. So, Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to submit this petition on their behalf.

I have my final petition of today, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased on behalf of the 20 people from Archerwill, Tisdale, Carragana, Bjorkdale, McKague, Melfort, and Nipawin — on behalf of these 20 people I am honoured and pleased to present this petition urging the provincial government to stop the GST until after the election.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for your consideration this day. That's the final petition for me today. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

(1515)

Ms. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to rule 11 to deliver to the legislature a number of petitions signed by citizens from across Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, 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, these constituents are from the city of Saskatoon. They live in the constituency that I've been elected to represent and have the honour to represent. These constituents come from Main Street — in fact, I noticed that a next-door neighbour of mine has signed the petition — as well as Cairns Avenue, Wiggins Avenue, 7th Street, 3rd Street, 5th Avenue, 1802 Alexandra Avenue, and 23rd Street East. All of these constituents live in the city of Saskatoon.

I am pleased to be able to represent them and I am pleased to be able to add their voice to the thousands of other people that have signed this petition in the last couple weeks, Mr. Speaker. And I lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition. Once again the signatories come from the constituency that I have the honour to represent in the city of Saskatoon. Persons have

signed this petition who live on 9th Street, Ruth Street, 6th Street, McKinnon Avenue, 5th Street, Taylor Street, William Avenue, Belfast Avenue, 4th Street, Gladmer Park, MacKenzie Crescent, Brabant Crescent, Park Avenue, Mr. Speaker, as well as William Avenue. Most of these constituents live in the constituency that I represent and I'm pleased to once again add their voice to the thousands of others that have signed this petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from the city of Saskatoon. Once again many of the people that have signed this petition live in the constituency that I represent. Mr. Speaker, I see many of my own friends and neighbours that have signed this petition. They live on Broadway Avenue, Maple Street, 8th Street, Lorne Avenue, East Heights, 1st Street, McKinnon Avenue, St. Charles Avenue, Munroe, Cairns Avenue, 14th Street East, 2nd Street, Coldspring Rise. As well, Mr. Speaker, there is one constituent that has signed this petition from Hepburn, Saskatchewan. And once again I am pleased to lay this petition on the Table.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Atkinson: — Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here that has been signed by a number of rural residents. These people live in Chamberlain, Moose Jaw, Regina, Paradise Hill, Dilke, Saskatchewan; as well as Findlater, and Regina. Mr. Speaker, a number of citizens have taken their opportunity to sign the petition, which is their democratic right, and once again I'm honoured to be able to present these signatures to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition that's been signed by the people of Saskatoon and I'd like to read their addresses into the record, Mr. Speaker, because I think it's important that citizens know that their petition that has been signed by them is being read into the record. And once again, Mr. Speaker, these citizens come from Saskatoon. They live on 7th Street, McKercher Drive, Woodward Avenue, 111th Street, Kingsmere Boulevard, McKercher, Parkdale Road, Grant Street, Waterloo Crescent, St. Andrews Avenue, McKinnon Avenue, Eastview, Trident Crescent, Highlands Place, and Hunt Road.

Many of these people are represented by myself, Mr. Speaker, but other colleagues that represent the city of Saskatoon also have constituents that have signed this petition and exercised their democratic right to sign the petition. And, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition that has been signed by a number of citizens, many of whom reside outside of the city of Saskatoon. And I want to read their towns into the record. Citizens from Allan, Saskatchewan; Climax, Saskatchewan; Marchwell, Saskatchewan; Clavet, Saskatchewan; Young, Saskatchewan; and McNab Park have signed this petition; as well as citizens living on Brabant Crescent in Saskatoon, Avenue S North; as well as Guelph Crescent, Wakaw Court. As well, Mr. Speaker, a citizen from rural route Saskatoon has signed this petition. And I'd like to put these signatures onto the public record.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here signed by several residents from the city of Regina as well as residents living in Watrous, Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, these people did not indicate what addresses they come from, but they definitely come from the city of Regina. And once again, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to lay these signatures on the public record and I am pleased to present you with this petition.

Mr. Speaker, once again citizens from Regina have exercised their democratic right to sign this petition. All of the signatories are from the city of Regina. And I'm pleased to be able to deliver this petition to the Legislative Assembly on behalf of these citizens.

Mr. Speaker, we have another petition that has been signed by a number of residents in the city of Regina. They come from Hastings Crescent, McRead Place, Dalglish Drive, Melville Avenue, Rink Avenue, Dorothy Street, Dewdney Avenue, Carter Crescent, Bowman Avenue, Montague Street, Royal Street, Hughes Street, Venture Road, Mikkelsen Drive, Rae Street, Straub, and Minot Place, Mr. Speaker. And once again I'm pleased to be able to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, a number of other citizens have signed this petition from the city of Saskatoon. They live on Cascade Street, Louise Street, Sparling Crescent, and Louise Avenue, Mr. Speaker. All of these citizens have demonstrated that they have the right to sign a petition in the province of Saskatchewan. And as an elected member of the legislature for the city of Saskatoon, I am pleased to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, once again I have another petition from the city of Saskatoon. These citizens come from across the city and I want to read their addresses into the record. They live on 107th Street, Arlington Avenue, Garvie Road, 109th Street, 7th Street East, 104th Street, Jessop Avenue, R.R. Saskatoon, Austin Crescent, Central Avenue, Cumberland Avenue, 110th Street, 8th Street, Boychuk Drive, and Begg Crescent. Many of these constituents, Mr. Speaker, reside in the constituency represented by the member for Sutherland, and on his behalf and on behalf of all the MLAs on this side of the House, I want to lay this petition on the public record.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from the city of Saskatoon. Once again the citizens that have signed this petition come from across the city. As well, Mr. Speaker, I note that there are some citizens from rural Saskatchewan that are exercising their democratic right to sign the petition. As well, Mr. Speaker, I see some signatories from out of province.

Mr. Speaker, these citizens come from Coy Avenue, Neill Crescent, 27th Street West, Argyle, Wickenden Crescent, Birch Crescent, Mr. Speaker. As well, citizens from Vonda, Saskatchewan; Meacham, Saskatchewan; and I note a citizen from Regina has exercised his democratic right. As well, Mr. Speaker, there are obviously some visitors from Winnipeg, Manitoba, and they have signed the petition, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here, once again signed by citizens from the city of Saskatoon, as well as

some citizens from Winnipeg, and Hanley, Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, these citizens from the city of Saskatoon live on 113th Street, and the other citizens have not indicated where they reside but obviously they're from the city of Saskatoon. And on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I want to enter this petition into the public record.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from the city of Saskatoon. Once again most of the citizens have indicated their addresses and I want to read their addresses into the public record. They live on Langevin Crescent, 108th Street, Annabel Street, Main Street, Avenue K North, Waterloo Crescent, McKercher, Zeman Crescent, Westview Place, and Bradwell Avenue. As well, Mr. Speaker, we have some citizens from R.R. Saskatoon that have signed this petition, along with citizens from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. And on their behalf I want to read this petition into the public record and deliver it to the legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here. Once again, people from across the city of Saskatoon are signing the petition which urges the government to do something. And, Mr. Speaker, I want to read their addresses into the record. They live on 111th Street, Rayner Avenue, 110th Street.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Atkinson: — Central Place, Mahoney Drive, Avenue I North, Kenderdine, Whiteswan Drive — along with some citizens from rural route Saskatoon — Grant Street, 4th Avenue North, Mr. Speaker, as well as some citizens from Clavet, and Smiley, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, many of these citizens live in what is called Sutherland in the city of Saskatoon, and on behalf of the member from Sutherland, I want to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here that has been signed by a number of citizens from across the city of Saskatoon; once again, Mr. Speaker, citizens who have obviously travelled into the city to do some shopping have signed the petition. Citizens from Middle Lake have added their signatures to this petition, along with their counterparts in Saskatoon who reside on Richmond Place, Duchess Court, Garfield Street, Reid Terrace, 33rd Street, 3rd Street, Tait Place, Reid Road, Needham Crescent, as well as Sturgeon Terrace, 7th Avenue North, Argyle Avenue, Rayner Court. As well, Mr. Speaker, I note that there are two signatures here from Laird, Saskatchewan. And on behalf of all of these citizens of the province of Saskatchewan, I'm pleased to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I now have a petition that has been signed by citizens from Regina, Saskatchewan, and these citizens appear to live across the city of Regina. They live on Gore Place, Castle Road, 8th Avenue North, Read Avenue, McCormick Crescent, Flexman Crescent, Rink Avenue, Krivel Crescent, Rae Street, Coldwell, Angus, as well as Fulton Drive, Dorothy Street, Maple Grove Crescent I believe it is, Gore Place, and Champ Crescent.

And on behalf of all of these citizens from the city of Regina, I'm pleased to deliver this petition to the members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I also have another petition that has been given to me on behalf of a number of citizens who reside in the city of Regina, as well as Yorkton, Saskatchewan. And, Mr. Speaker, on their behalf I am pleased to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here from the city of Regina. These citizens appear to live all across the city of Regina, and I want to read their addresses into the public record. They live on Cooper, 1st Avenue North, Hansen Drive, Gariuk Crescent, Halleran Crescent, Rochdale Boulevard, Hanbidge Crescent, Montague, Krivel Crescent, Runciman Crescent, 1st Avenue North, Baird Street, Kelsey Street, and Gordon Road. And on behalf of all these citizens, I am pleased to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have one final petition that I'd like to read into the public record. These citizens all come from the city of Regina. Many of the citizens have taken the opportunity to sign their addresses and I'd like to read their addresses into the public record. Their addresses are Donald Street, Dewdney Avenue, Hunt Crescent, Atchison Crescent, Ortman Bay, Arnason Street.

As well, Mr. Speaker, a number of citizens did not take their opportunity to sign their addresses but they all come to the city of Regina, and on behalf of these citizens I am pleased to lay this petition on the Table. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

(1530)

Ms. Simard: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too rise pursuant to rule 11 to submit a petition to the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Speaker. It's a petition signed by residents of the province of Saskatchewan praying 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.

These petitioners, Mr. Speaker, would like to see this tax Bill withdrawn by the province of Saskatchewan. A number of these petitioners come from the city of Regina. This particular petition also has people from Montmartre, and Balcarres, Mr. Speaker. And I take pleasure in presenting this to the Assembly. Thank you.

I have here another petition, Mr. Speaker, drawn in the same vein as the former one, which is signed by residents from Regina, and one resident from Beechy, by residents from Pilot Butte, from Strasbourg, from McTavish Street in Regina, and a number of other Regina signatures as well. And I take pleasure in submitting this to the Assembly. Thank you.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, opposing the provincial GST, signed by a number of residents from Saskatoon, in particular from Kingsmere Boulevard, from Cumberland Avenue, from Riel Crescent, from Calder Court in Saskatoon, from Bell Crescent, Middleton

Crescent, and 4th Avenue South, and also from MacLean Crescent in Saskatoon.

There are also a number of other petitioners who have signed this petition from Saskatoon but have not given a specific address. And I take pleasure in presenting this petition to the Legislative Assembly on behalf of these residents of Saskatchewan.

I have here, Mr. Speaker, another petition which is to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly today, signed by residents of the city of Prince Albert in the province of Saskatchewan, in particular from 20th Street East and also from . . . well it looks as though all of these individuals who have signed this petition, Mr. Speaker, come from the area of 20th Street East in the city of Prince Albert. And on their behalf I submit this to the Legislative Assembly.

I have here another one which is also signed by residents from the city of Prince Albert, from 9th Street East in Prince Albert, from 15th Street West in Prince Albert, from 6th Avenue in Prince Albert, from Watson, Saskatchewan — there is one petitioner from Watson, Saskatchewan — from McDougall Crescent in Prince Albert, and the other petitioners who have signed the petition have not given a specific address but they are from the city of Prince Albert. And I take pleasure in presenting this to the Legislative Assembly on behalf of these petitioners and residents of the province of Saskatchewan.

I have here another petition, Mr. Speaker, opposing the GST, from residents of Wolseley and residents of Regina, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. And I take pleasure in presenting this petition to the Legislative Assembly on behalf of these individuals.

I have here another petition, Mr. Speaker, from residents of Regina in the province of Saskatchewan, in particular from Dewdney Avenue, from King Street, from Rae Street, a petitioner from Retallack Street, another one from Froom Crescent in Regina, another one from Bond Street in Regina, Mr. Speaker, a petitioner from McTavish Street in Regina, Queen Street, another one from Rae Street, petitioners from Montague, Dewdney Avenue, Mr. Speaker, petitioner from Argyle Street, another one from Rae Street and Garnet Street. These are all names that the people of Regina are very familiar with. A petitioner from Dewdney Avenue and from the outskirts of Regina, and a petitioner from Princess Street in the city of Regina. All these petitioners have put their signature to this petition and I take pleasure in submitting their petition, Mr. Speaker, to the Legislative Assembly.

I have here also another petition, Mr. Deputy Speaker, signed primarily by residents from the city of Saskatoon. There is one signature from Regina on this particular petition, but most of the signatures . . . from Regina, and Guernsey is another location, but most of them are from locations like Ewart Avenue in Saskatoon, Blain Avenue, Drinkle Street, Cumberland Avenue, Middleton Crescent, and there's one from Carleton Drive, and East Centre, and Irvine Avenue in Saskatoon. I take pleasure in submitting this petition to the Legislative Assembly on behalf of these residents of the province of Saskatchewan.

I have here another petition, Mr. Speaker, from more Saskatchewan residents. These residents live in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, in Duffield in particular — yes, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. And I take pleasure in submitting this to the Legislative Assembly on behalf of these residents of Moose Jaw.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Simard: — I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, that is signed by more residents from Saskatchewan opposing the GST. We have people who live on Bothwell Crescent, Kangles Street, Forget Street, Garnet Street, Quebec Street, Royal Street, Fort Street, Osler Street, Ellison Crescent, Dewdney. They come from Douglas Avenue, MacKay Street, Lorne Street, Glen Elm Court, Broad Street, 10th Avenue — all these addresses located in the city of the Regina, Mr. Speaker.

We also have a resident of Craven who has signed this particular petition, a resident from Cormorant Drive, another one from Inglis Bay. And, Mr. Speaker, I take great pleasure in tabling this petition signed by these residents from the province of Saskatchewan, many of them from my city of Regina. On behalf of these residents I submit this to the Legislative Assembly.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, from more residents of the city of Regina opposing the provincial goods and services tax. They live . . .

The Deputy Speaker: — Order, order. The member is entering into debate, and I'd ask her not to enter into debate on this presentation of the petitions.

Ms. Simard: — Mr. Speaker, I didn't intend to enter into debate.

The Deputy Speaker: — Order, order. The member is not to make reflections on rulings from the Chair.

Ms. Simard: — Thank you very much, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

These residents are from Queen Street, Broder Street, McTavish Street, Massey Road, Broad Street, 8th Avenue, 1st Avenue North, Wascana Street, Dalglish, Whelan Drive, McInnes Crescent, another from Dalglish, Runciman Crescent North. All these petitioners have signed this petition, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and I take a great deal of pleasure in tabling this petition for the attention of the members opposite. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Simard: — I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, signed by residents from the province of Saskatchewan. These petitioners are from Kamsack. They're from Moosomin. They're from Swift Current. They're from Balgonie. They're from Regina, Saskatchewan. The addresses in Regina are Angus Crescent, Ottawa Street, Shaw Street, Cornwall Street, Whelan Street, Wallace Street, Hamilton Street. And, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I take a great deal of pleasure in presenting this petition on behalf of these residents of Saskatchewan to the Legislative Assembly.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, from residents in Regina and other locations in Saskatchewan. They live at addresses such as Rae Street and Queen Street and Habkirk Drive — which is incidentally in my constituency, Mr. Speaker — Princess Street, McCarthy — another one of my constituents — Merlin Crescent, Dewdney Avenue, Michener Drive, Edenwold Crescent, Forget Street, King Street, McCarthy, Kiev Bay, Kangles. There's also a resident from Cupar, Saskatchewan, who has signed this petition, Mr. Speaker. And on behalf of these residents and on behalf of my constituents in Regina Lakeview, I take a great deal of pleasure in submitting their petition to this Legislative Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Simard: — Mr. Speaker, I have here another petition, another petition from residents across Saskatchewan who are from Balgonie, who are from Regina, who are from Lumsden, who are from Kylemore, who are from Wadena, who are from Regina again. And a number of Regina residents have signed this particular petition, Mr. Speaker. And I take a great deal of pleasure in submitting this petition to the Legislative Assembly, for the attention of the government, on behalf of these citizens of Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Simard: — I have here another petition, Mr. Speaker, signed by people from Regina, from Saskatoon, and from other locations in Regina and Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker, numerous more petitioners. And I take a great deal of pleasure in submitting their petition for the attention of this government. So I submit it on their behalf to the Legislative Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Simard: — I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, another petition, most of whom are Regina residents from locations such as Blakeney Crescent, from Rae Street, from Fairview Road in Regina, from Montreal Crescent, from Salemka Crescent, from McDonald Street, from Parliament Avenue. That again would be one of my constituents, Mr. Speaker. From Bond Street, from Walsh Acres. Oh yes, and there are also petitioners from Moose Jaw on this petition.

(1545)

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Simard: — And from Munroe Place in Regina, Rae Street, Connaught Street, 3rd Avenue North in Regina. And these petitioners have signed this petition, Mr. Speaker, so that we can submit it to the Legislative Assembly, and on their behalf I do so this afternoon.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Simard: — I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, which I take a great deal of pleasure in submitting on behalf of residents of Caronport in the province of Saskatchewan, on behalf of residents of Regina in the

province of Saskatchewan, on behalf of residents of Montmartre in the province of Saskatchewan, and on behalf of residents of Rouleau in the province of Saskatchewan.

Petitioners from all across the province have signed this petition, Mr. Speaker, and I take a great deal of pleasure in submitting this to the government for their attention.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Simard: — I have here a petition, Mr. Speaker, from more residents in Saskatchewan — from Saskatoon I believe, from McIntosh Street and Elliott Street and 2nd Avenue North, Mr. Speaker. And on their behalf and for the attention of the government, I take a great deal of pleasure in submitting this petition.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Simard: — I have another petition, Mr. Speaker. Again this petition has been signed by people from the city of Saskatoon; from 14th Avenue, from McIntosh Street, from 3rd Avenue, and many more signatures from McIntosh Street area.

They have signed this petition and have asked us to present it to you. And therefore I take pleasure today in presenting this petition, for the attention of the government, on behalf of these citizens.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, from residents of Saskatchewan who represent a number of different areas in the province of Saskatchewan. Some of these residents live in Glenavon. Some live in Holdfast, Saskatchewan. Some live in Regina, Robinson Street in Regina, Garnet Street. Some live in Pilot Butte, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Some live in Lipton. And then there is Dryburgh Crescent in Regina. There's a signature from Bankend; some from Pappas Crescent and another from Dryburgh Crescent in Regina. And these citizens represent a number of different communities in the province of Saskatchewan, and on their behalf, Mr. Speaker, I present this petition today to the Legislative Assembly for the attention of the PC (Progressive Conservative) government.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, from more residents in the province of Saskatchewan — from Regina, from Moose Jaw, from Summerberry, from Grenfell, from Hanley, and more signatures from Regina, Mr. Deputy Speaker. All of these citizens have asked us to submit this petition to the Legislative Assembly, and I do so with pride, Mr. Deputy Speaker, on their behalf.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Simard: — I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, from a number of different communities in Saskatchewan. There are people from Regina, one individual who lives on Tremaine Avenue. There are people from Craven who have signed this petition. More signatures from Regina, not all of them have indicated their specific address but some have: McSherry Crescent, 1st Avenue North, Gore Place, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Cardinal Crescent, Harvey Street in the city of Regina, 5th

Avenue in the city of Regina, Fulton Crescent in the city of Regina, Goulet Place, Michener Drive in the city of Regina, Daffodil Crescent in the city of Regina, and signatures from Craven as well, Mr. Deputy Speaker. And these residents of the province of Saskatchewan, these citizens and taxpayers, have asked us to table this petition in the Legislative Assembly today for the attention and consideration of the government. And I take pleasure in doing so on behalf of these petitioners. Thank you.

I have here another petition, Mr. Deputy Speaker, from more people in Regina, Saskatchewan and other communities. We have people here, residents of Saskatchewan, citizens of this province who live on Hanley Crescent in Regina, Mr. Deputy Speaker. We have a citizen from Edgar Street in Regina, 6th Avenue North in the city of Regina, Marshall Crescent in the city of Regina, Gore Place in the city of Regina, Read Avenue in the city of Regina, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Irvin Street, 8th Avenue, Osborne Crescent, Tremaine Avenue, Connaught Street, Kleisinger Crescent, 5th Avenue, Athol Street, Bond Street — all in the city of Regina. We also have signature here from Canora. We also have a signature here from Canora, Mr. Deputy Speaker. And on behalf of this citizen of Canora and on behalf of all the residents of Regina who have signed this petition for the attention of the government, I take a great deal of pleasure in tabling this in the legislature today. Thank you.

I have here, Mr. Deputy Speaker, another petition from residents across this province who have signed this petition for the attention of the government. They are from communities such as Southey; from Regina, Academy Park Road in Regina; from Yellow Grass; from Retallack Street in Regina, and Sneddon Street in Regina, from Bauermeister in Regina, Mr. Deputy Speaker, from Ottawa Street in Regina, Champ Crescent, McCarthy crescent. There are signatures from Wynyard, Saskatchewan, in this petition, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and more signatures from Regina, specifically from Ingersoll Crescent, Kent Street, Argyle Street, and a signature from Regina Beach, Mr. Deputy Speaker. These citizens have asked us to table this petition in the legislature for the attention of the PC government, and I take a great deal of pleasure on their behalf in tabling this petition today. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have here another petition from communities in Saskatchewan by residents of the province of Saskatchewan. They are from localities such as Southey in the province of Saskatchewan, from Regina, from Pilot Butte, and from Lumsden, Mr. Deputy Speaker. These citizens have signed their name to this petition and are asking us to table it in the legislature today on their behalf, and I take a great deal of pleasure in doing so.

I have here, Mr. Deputy Speaker, another petition from communities in Saskatchewan, from people who live in communities throughout the province of Saskatchewan who have asked us to petition the government on their behalf and bring this matter to the government's attention. They live in places such as Hanley, Saskatchewan; in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Gardiner Avenue, Bell Crescent, Lakeshore Crescent, Cascade Street in Saskatoon, Lloyd Crescent, Gladmer Park, 7th Street East in Saskatoon, Edmond Heights, and Anderson

Crescent and St. Patrick Avenue, and more citizens from the city of Saskatoon who have signed this petition. Now, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am very pleased on behalf of these individuals to table this petition for the attention of the PC government. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have here yet another petition from a number of different places in Saskatchewan, from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and I see that there is a signature from Outlook, Saskatchewan as well. And they are from localities such as 105th Street West, Kirk Crescent, Prairie Avenue, Taylor Street East in Saskatoon, and McKercher Drive in Saskatoon, Highlands Crescent, 9th Street East, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Crow Crescent, Tennant Crescent, Willoughby Crescent, St. Andrew Avenue, and other residents from the city of Saskatoon who have signed this petition and who expect us to bring this petition to the attention of the government. And I do so, Mr. Deputy Speaker, on their behalf and I hope that the petition receives the consideration of the PC government.

I have one last petition here, Mr. Deputy Speaker, from residents of the city of Saskatoon again who have put their signatures to this petition in the hope that it would be brought to the attention of the government. They represent areas such as Wollaston, 108th, McKercher Drive, Richmond Crescent, Charlebois Crescent, 3rd Street East, McKercher Drive, Cumberland Avenue, Broadbent Avenue, Badger Street, 10th Street, Trent Crescent, and a number of other areas in the city of Saskatoon, Mr. Deputy Speaker. And on behalf of these Saskatoon residents, citizens of the province of Saskatchewan, I take a great deal of pleasure in tabling this petition for the attention and serious consideration of the PC government. Thank you.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

(1600)

Mr. Prebble: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to rule 11 to present a petition on behalf of a number of Saskatchewan residents. These Saskatchewan citizens, Mr. Speaker, are petitioning the government because of their concern about the provincial GST. They believe that the provincial government does not have a mandate from the people of the province to impose this major tax increase, and they are petitioning the Assembly 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.

I am very pleased to present these petitions on behalf of a number of my own constituents in the neighbourhoods of College Park and Greystone Heights in Saskatoon. I also see that a resident in Saskatoon Nutana has signed this petition. And on behalf of these residents, it's my honour to present it in the Legislative Assembly.

I have another petition also signed by residents of Saskatoon, many of them living in Grosvenor Park neighbourhood, the Grosvenor Park neighbourhood in my constituency. And, Mr. Speaker, the prayer and request of the legislature is the same as the last petition.

And on behalf of these residents it's my honour to present it in the Assembly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have a third petition, again signed by residents of Saskatoon with the same prayer. This petition, Mr. Deputy Speaker, is signed by some 12 Saskatoon residents. They reside on Main Street, Heise Crescent, Victoria Avenue, on 7th Street East, 8th Street East, Cooper Crescent, and Herman Avenue in my home city.

And on behalf of these Saskatoon residents, it's my honour to present their petition to the Legislative Assembly in the hope that it will be favourably heard by the provincial government.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have another petition here, again with the same prayer, and this time signed by residents on the west side of Saskatoon. I also see two signatures here from Heise Crescent, and a resident of Rabbit Lake who I assume was visiting in the city of Saskatoon has also signed this petition.

And on behalf of these residents of the province it's my privilege to submit it to the Legislative Assembly in the hope that the government will give it serious consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have here a sixth petition signed by residents on both the east and the west side of the river in Saskatoon. Once again, sir, it is with the same prayer asking the government to give favourable consideration to the views of these petitioners. And it's my honour to present it to the Assembly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have here another petition, one that is different from the one that I've just been making reference to. So with your permission I will read the prayer. This one deals with the concerns that the undersigned residents have about the imposition of a tax on reading in the province of Saskatchewan. The petitioners describe this as a tax on knowledge and information. And they point out that it's the only one of its kind being levied by a province in Canada.

The petitioners are urging the provincial government to reverse its decision to impose this unfair 7 per cent provincial tax on reading materials. And the petitioners in this case, Mr. Deputy Speaker, are largely from the Maple Creek area of the province. I see 19 signatures here from Maple Creek; a resident of Robsart, Saskatchewan has also signed this petition. And on behalf of these residents from south-western Saskatchewan, it's my pleasure to submit the petition to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have before me yet another petition also dealing with concern about the tax on reading. This one, sir, is signed by residents of Estevan, Saskatchewan. Almost all of the residents are from the Estevan riding but they include some 18 signatures from Estevan. And a resident of Oxbow, Saskatchewan has signed this petition, sir, as well as three residents from Bienfait and a citizen from Regina. On behalf of these Saskatchewan citizens, it's my privilege to submit their prayer to the Legislative Assembly in the hopes that it will be heard favourably.

Mr. Speaker, I have yet another petition with the same mandate, again signed by some 21 residents of Estevan, Saskatchewan in the Premier's riding, expressing their concerns about the government's action on the issue that I mentioned a moment ago.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to that, I have another petition, again on the same subject matter, this time signed by residents of McLeod Avenue and Ambassador Street, and five signatures here from Ambassador Street, and some 18 other signatures from Estevan, Saskatchewan, petitioning the Assembly with their concerns on the matter I made reference to a few moments ago.

Mr. Speaker, once again I have another petition here, again on the same mandate, but this time, Mr. Speaker, it's signed by residents of Limerick, Saskatchewan. I see here six signatures from Limerick. Several residents of Crane Valley have signed this petition. There are two signatures from Coronach and some 10 signatures from Assiniboia, again expressing the same prayer.

Mr. Speaker, I have yet another petition on the concern I made reference to earlier. This one, sir, is signed by some 19 residents of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, and a resident of Limerick. Again I think all of these petitions that I've presented in the last five minutes show the growing concern in southern Saskatchewan and in both the south-west and south-east corners of the province in opposition to the measure under consideration in the Assembly today.

Mr. Speaker, I have a petition here again with the same concern on the reading tax, signed by residents from Weyburn, Saskatchewan. Some 16 residents of Weyburn have signed this petition. There are also signatures here from Lake Alma and from Lampman.

And on behalf of these Saskatchewan residents it's my honour to present their concerns to the Assembly. This is the only vehicle they have for making their voice directly heard, and I hope the government will be responsive to their concerns.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition on the same subject matter. This one is signed by some 20 Saskatchewan residents, including 12 residents from Weyburn. I see here a signature from Lang, Saskatchewan; a couple of signatures from Midale, Saskatchewan; and a resident of Ceylon, Saskatchewan has signed this petition, sir. And on behalf of these Saskatchewan residents it's indeed my pleasure to submit it to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have two other petitions here that I would like to present this afternoon, again on the same subject matter. One is signatures from some 20 Saskatchewan residents from Weyburn. And I think this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, I must have presented now over a hundred signatures from Weyburn alone expressing concern about the measure before us. And these citizens of Weyburn have asked me on their behalf to submit their concerns to the Legislative Assembly.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, I'm very pleased on behalf of residents from Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan; Midale, Saskatchewan; Glentworth, Saskatchewan; and 14

residents from Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, to present their concerns by way of a petition in opposition to this tax measure. Thank you very much, sir.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Thompson: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to rule 11 to present a petition to the Assembly on behalf of a number of residents of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. And the petitioners on the following petitions request the following prayer:

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

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

I'm having a little difficulty hearing the hon. member. Secondly, I'm not just sure whether or not he's actually reading the prayer or the entire petition. Sounds to me from here that it's the entire petition. Perhaps you could clarify.

Mr. Thompson: — No, Mr. Speaker, I'm reading the prayer, and I'll just finish off, 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 amongst the highest taxed in the world.

And, Mr. Speaker, I want to table this petition that I have in my hand here. And the petitioners are from a number of communities such as Ituna, Goodeve, Hubbard, and the community of Kamsack. I now want to lay this petition on the Table.

I now have another petition, Mr. Speaker, that I want to lay on the Table. And it is also signed by a number of petitioners in community, and mainly this petition here is from the community of Maple Creek. And they are also opposed to the new PST. I want to now lay this petition on the Table.

I now have a number of other petitioners on a petition here, Mr. Speaker. The same applies. They are petitioning the government to stop the new PST tax and they are from a number of communities in the province. And I see that they come from such areas as Tompkins and Maple Creek. I now want to lay this petition on the Table.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, and it falls into

the same category. And it is signed by a number of petitioners from such areas as Prince Albert, and Meath Park, and I see Weirsdale, Yellow Creek, and also there is petitioners on this petition from Candle Lake. I now lay this one on the Table.

I also want to lay the following petition on the Table here, Mr. Speaker. And the petitioners on here are from a number of areas also, mainly in the northern part of the province, and they come from such areas as Prince Albert, Meath Park, Crystal Springs. I see Debden is on this one, Tweedsmuir, and Duck Lake. I now lay this petition also on the Table.

I have another petition here also, Mr. Speaker. And it is also from the northern part of the province, from a number of petitioners, and also opposed to the provincial PST. And they are showing their disapproval with this petition, Mr. Speaker. And they come from such northern communities as Christopher Lake, Prince Albert, Waskesiu, Tisdale, and Big River, and Debden, Saskatchewan in northern Saskatchewan. I lay this petition on the Table.

I've another petition here, Mr. Speaker, I also want to lay on the Table, and it is also signed by a number of petitioners in northern Saskatchewan. And I see a large majority of them here are from the city of Prince Albert. There are also petitioners here from Parkside, Saskatchewan; and from Big River. I now want to lay this petition on the Table.

(1615)

Mr. Speaker, I now want to lay another petition on the Table. And this one is also signed by a number of petitioners from different parts of the province such as Prince Albert and Regina and also from Big River. I lay this petition on the Table also.

Now want to lay another petition on the Table, Mr. Speaker, and this one here is also from the northern part of the province. I see the majority of them are from the city of Prince Albert. I now table this petition.

Mr. Speaker, I now have another petition here and I see it's also from the northern part of Saskatchewan, mainly coming from the city of Prince Albert. I see there's a large number of them from Cambridge Street in Prince Albert and Bradbrooke Drive in Yorkton. And the rest of them are from Prince Albert. I lay this petition on the Table also.

Another petition here, Mr. Speaker, that I want to table, and this one is from another group of petitioners who are also opposed to the provincial PST. And they come from Saskatoon, from Taylor Street, Cumberland Street. There's petitioners on here from Davidson; and there's Lake Crescent also in Saskatoon. And there's also petitioners on here from Meadow Lake and from Yorkton.

I now want to table another petition, Mr. Speaker, with petitioners who are also opposed to the provincial GST tax or the PST as it's referred to. And the majority of the citizens who are on this petition, Mr. Speaker, come from the city of Saskatoon. I see Conn Avenue, McEown Avenue, I think, I believe it's Clearwater Drive, Louise

Street, Sutherland, all from the city of Saskatoon. I lay this petition on the Table.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, I want to lay on the Table, and this is a petition that's from the northern part of our province. I see petitioners here from Canora and Hafford and North Battleford and some of them from Saskatoon. And I'll lay this on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I now have another petition here that I want to also table and it comes from a number of places in Saskatchewan. And I see here we have Allan, Saskatchewan; Saskatoon, Regina, and Eastview. That's in Saskatoon. I lay this on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have another group of names here on the petition. And the petitioners on this petition pretty well all come from the city of Saskatoon. And I want to lay this petition on the Table.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, and it's pretty well all from the city of Saskatoon. And I see they come from Yorkton Avenue and Delaronde Road and Cumberland Avenue, and this is all in the city of Saskatoon. I want to lay this petition on the Table.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, and the petitioners here also are indicating their disapproval with the provincial PST. And they are from Saskatoon. Some of them are from rural route Saskatoon. And I see Murphy Crescent and Salisbury Drive — all in the city of Saskatoon.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I now want to table another large group of names — petitioners who are also opposed to the provincial PST. And the petitioners on this petition, Mr. Speaker, come from such areas as Colonsay, Leask, and a large number of them from the city of Saskatoon. I now want to lay this petition on the Table.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, of petitioners who are also expressing their concern at the implementation of the new PST, and this group here are pretty well all from the city of Saskatoon. I see Pinehouse Drive, Colony Street, Whitewood Crescent — all in the city Saskatoon. I now lay this petition on the Table.

I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker, with another 20-some names of petitioners who are also opposed, and they are all pretty well from the city of Saskatoon. And I now want to lay this petition also on the Table.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Thompson: — I have another petition here, Mr. Speaker — and now I've moved into the southern part of the province — and the petitioners on this particular petition, also opposed to the PST, are mainly from the city of Regina, and I would also like to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here that I want to also table on behalf of a number of petitioners in Saskatchewan. And they come from a number of communities such as White City, Craven, Bengough, McLean, and I see White City here again — all in the

southern part of our province. And I lay this on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I have only a few more petitions here that I want to table in the Assembly today. And the petition that I have here now is from southern Saskatchewan, and I see from Sedley, Regina, Quinton, and I see Fort Qu'Appelle. I now want to lay this on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I now want to table another petition, and the one that I have here is back into northern Saskatchewan again. And the petitioners on this particular petition, Mr. Speaker, are mainly from the city of Prince Albert. And I see La Ronge, Crystal Springs, and Hudson Bay. I now want to table this petition.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I only have a couple more petitions that I want to present here today. One of the last ones that I have here today is also from the northern part of our province, and the large majority of them are from Prince Albert, and Weirdale, and I now want to . . . and Foxford I see on here, up in northern Saskatchewan. So I now want to lay this on the Table, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Thompson: — This is the last petition that I want to table today, Mr. Speaker, and the petitioners also on this petition are expressing their concern and opposition to the provincial PST. And they come from such areas as Rouleau, Regina, and a number of other areas. I see in the city of Regina and there's a couple of names here also from the city of Prince Albert, Mr. Speaker. I now table this last petition. Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Pringle: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much. It's my pleasure to join my colleagues today to present a number of petitions pursuant to rule 11, Mr. Speaker. And the first one I want to present, Mr. Speaker, they are some 20 residents of . . . some from the constituency of Rosthern, Martensville — from Martensville and Rosthern.

And, Mr. Speaker, these people from Martensville and Rosthern are concerned that the government is attempting to impose a 7 per cent PST, GST, on the people of the province, and these petitioners are opposed to this tax. They ask that the government reverse its decision, indicating, as a petition does, that the Government of Saskatchewan has no mandate to . . .

The Speaker: — Order, order, order. Order, order. I believe the hon. member is entering into the realm of debate and I would like to ask him to get on with the presentations.

Mr. Pringle: — Mr. Speaker, I am proud then to present this petition on behalf of these constituents of the constituency of Rosthern. And it's my pleasure and duty as a member of the legislature to present this petition, and I'm proud to do so.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Pringle: — Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from

my own riding in Saskatoon — Saskatoon Eastview residents primarily. And they as well, of course, are concerned about this tax and are asking that this decision be reversed. And it's my privilege and indeed my responsibility as the MLA for Saskatoon Eastview to present these petition names on behalf of my constituents, Mr. Speaker.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, with the same intent, the same concern, and these are residents from the communities of Garrick, Saskatchewan; Smeaton, and most of the signatories are from the community of Choiceland. And these residents are asking that the government reverse their decision on this tax as well. I'm proud to present the petition on their behalf.

The Speaker: — Order, order. I'm going to have to ask the hon. member that in the presentation of his petitions he not continue to refer to the prayer, just simply to present his petitions as we had it. The rule is, for the last while now, that the hon. member reads the prayer initially and then presents the petitions.

(1630)

Mr. Pringle: — Thank you very much for your ruling, Mr. Speaker. With the same prayer, I'm proud to present this petition, Mr. Speaker, basically from rural Saskatchewan, the communities primarily of Kindersley and Avonlea, although there are some names from Saskatoon as well. So I'm pleased to present this petition, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer, I'm proud to present in this Assembly today petitions from citizens from the community of Rosetown, Saskatchewan. And there are also some residents of Saskatoon who have signed this petition as well. And I recognize two or three of the names as being from my constituency of Saskatoon Eastview.

Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition to present today, again the same prayer, from citizens of Prince Albert. There are 20 names here. These citizens are all from Prince Albert, I guess, and I'm proud to present their concern on this day as well.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, from the communities of Goodsoil, Esterhazy, Kamsack, and Unity, and sort of another rural flavour to this petition, Mr. Speaker. These petitioners are again asking that this petition be presented on their behalf and I am proud to do so today — 20 names, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Pringle: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another petition here with the same prayer, and these petitioners are from the communities of Melfort, Saskatchewan; and Tisdale, and also from Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker. And I am proud to present this petition on their behalf as well.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker — again the same prayer — and this petition has representation from the communities of Leroy, Saskatchewan; Yorkton, Theodore, and North Battleford, and Loreburn, Mr. Speaker. And I'm pleased to present the petition on behalf of these residents of rural Saskatchewan.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, with the same prayer — some 20 names from residents who live in the communities of Davidson, Shaunavon, Regina, and Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker. I don't know where this originated but those are the four communities that have some representation. But 20 signatures, Mr. Speaker, and this represents about 200 names altogether that I have presented today regarding this petition.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here from citizens of rural Saskatchewan, the communities of Hanley, Redberry, and also from Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker. And I'm pleased to present this petition on their behalf and I'd like to do that at this time.

I have another petition, Mr. Speaker. This petition, with the same prayer, originated in North Battleford and bears the signatures of residents of North Battleford who are asking that this be presented on their behalf. And I note there is also a signature from a citizen who lives in Regina and a citizen who lives in Saskatoon — but by and large, petitioners from North Battleford, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition here, and this petition is from residents who reside in the communities of Prairie River, Glaslyn, and Bruno, Saskatchewan. And I'm pleased to present these 20 names from those communities on behalf of those rural citizens, Mr. Speaker.

I have another petition here, again the same prayer, from residents of the communities of Delisle, Colonsay, and some names from Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker — 20 petitioners who are concerned about the PST.

Mr. Speaker, I've got just three more petitions, Mr. Speaker, again the same prayer. This petition is from citizens of the communities of Delisle, North Battleford, and Patuanak in northern Saskatchewan. So I'm proud to present the petition on behalf of those citizens again from rural and northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

And another petition I have here on behalf of 20 Saskatchewan residents, the same prayer. These petitioners live in the communities of Humboldt, Davidson, and Aberdeen and Avalon, one person from Avalon, and three or four from Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker. And I'm proud and honoured to present this petition on their behalf.

The last petition that I will present today, Mr. Speaker, again is from my own community of Saskatoon, and this one is from the constituency of Saskatoon Eastview. This represents, as far as I am aware, there are 7,600 names of residents of Saskatoon Eastview, Mr. Speaker, who have put their name to this petition. This is from my constituency, some 7,600 people, and I'm pleased to present this petition on behalf of residents of Saskatoon and proud to have presented many of those 7,600 signatories from my constituency of Saskatoon Eastview. Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, of

course pursuant to rule 11, I join with other of my legislative colleagues this afternoon in presenting, laying on the Table of this legislature further petitions.

Mr. Speaker, like the thousands of others of those names which have been presented here this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, this petition is a petition in protest of this government's intention to place upon the people of Saskatchewan the single largest tax increase in this province's history since 1905.

Mr. Speaker, these petitioners pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to urge the provincial government opposite to reverse its decision to impose this unfair tax. These people say the government of this day has no mandate to impose this tax on the people of Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, the first petition that I wish to lay on the Table this afternoon, I am very pleased to be laying on the Table because each of those who have signed this petition make their home in the community of Moose Jaw.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, like the thousands of others from Moose Jaw who have petitioned this legislature, these citizens come from all corners of the city of Moose Jaw, from Aster Crescent, Connaught Street, Regal Crescent, Francis, General Crescent, Wood Lily Drive, Ominica Street, 1st Avenue North, Edelweiss Crescent, Admiral Crescent, General Crescent, Vaughan Street, Mr. Speaker, Simcoe Street, Queen Crescent, from every corner of the city of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker.

It's my privilege and responsibility to present this petition, to lay it on the Table of the legislature.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, under the same prayer which I identified earlier, I present this petition to the House, of these residents who almost to a one, Mr. Speaker, make their home I believe in the city of Saskatoon. Many of them living on Preston Avenue, one address from Jan Crescent, which I believe is in Saskatoon. There is at least one exception on this petition, Mr. Speaker, a resident of the community of Osler has signed this petition.

It's my privilege and responsibility to lay this petition on the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, from a community with a unique name in our province, from the community of Eastend, Mr. Speaker, which I believe is in the constituency of Shaunavon on the west side of the province. With one exception and that exception is a resident of the community of Shaunavon, everyone of the signatures on this petition are from the community of Eastend, Mr. Speaker, 19 petitioners from Eastend,

Saskatchewan, one petitioner from the community of Shaunavon. On behalf of these residents of Eastend and Shaunavon, it's my privilege to present this petition to the legislature in hopes that the government of the day will pay serious attention to their concerns.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, the petitioners on this petition, again under the same prayer, indicate that these petitioners are from both rural and urban Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker. This petition has been signed by a number of residents of the city of Swift Current, Mr. Speaker, the city of Saskatoon, Mr. Speaker, and the community of Morse, Mr. Speaker, the community of Shaunavon, Mr. Speaker, from both rural and from urban Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan residents are uniting in signing this petition. It's my responsibility, Mr. Speaker, as a member of this House to present this petition, to lay it on the Table of the Legislative Assembly this afternoon. Thank you very much.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, with the thousands of those signatures which have come from the community represented by the member from Moose Jaw North and myself, yet another full petition, Mr. Speaker, from the city of Moose Jaw. Mr. Speaker, as I review the names who have signed this petition from the city of Moose Jaw, I see several names that I recognize, Mr. Speaker. Again these signatories of this petition represent young people, represent senior citizens, represent working people, professional people, Mr. Speaker, these signatures from the city of Moose Jaw.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, as I lay this petition on the Table, again under the same prayer to this Legislative Assembly, again with two exceptions, these signatories all make their home in the beautiful city of Swift Current. Mr. Speaker, some of the signatures here live in communities not far from Swift Current, Mr. Speaker. I see someone here from Shaunavon, I see someone here from Vanguard, Saskatchewan, all residents of the province of Saskatchewan who have affixed their signatures to this petition under the prayer that I identified at the outset. Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege and responsibility as a member of this House on behalf of these residents of Saskatchewan to lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, there are 20 signatures on this petition. Each of these signatories have indicated their name in print so it's clear to their intention to sign. And they have each indicated, every one of these, Mr. Speaker, that they make their home in the community of Stewart Valley, Mr. Speaker, 20 petitioners from the community of Stewart Valley who have signed a petition under the prayer which I identified at the beginning of my remarks. Mr. Speaker, I lay this petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, from a community of which I am familiar, south of the city of Moose Jaw, 20 further petitioners primarily from the community of Avonlea. Mr. Speaker, in addition to Avonlea, one petitioner who makes her

home in the community, the village of Truax and two petitioners who make their home in Regina. Mr. Speaker, all residents of the province of Saskatchewan, petitioning as is their democratic right, their legislature. It's my privilege as a member of this House to present this petition to lay it on the Table.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

(1645)

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, again primarily from the community of Avonlea, but also from the communities of Kayville and Truax and Hearne, Mr. Speaker, communities again south of the city that I am privileged to represent — 20 more signatures who have petitioned residents of the province, who've petitioned this legislature under the prayer which I identified at the outset, Mr. Speaker. And with my gratitude to the page, I table this petition.

Mr. Speaker, the signatories on this petition, Mr. Speaker, you will be interested to know I believe all make their home here in the city of Regina, the capital city of the province, with one exception, Mr. Speaker, someone who makes his home in the community of Balgonie. Mr. Speaker, they live in all parts of the city as I know Regina. Pasqua Street, Elphinstone, Elliott Street, Hosie Place — Hosie Place of Regina. Hosie Place is in the south end of Regina, Mr. Speaker. I'm absolutely delighted to be laying this petition on the Table this afternoon from these residents of the city of Regina, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, this next petition with 20 further signatures will bring a total of 220 signatures that I have laid on the Table already this afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, most of these again, these petitioners are from the city of Regina, with some addresses in Regina that I don't recognize. But clearly, Garnet Street, Hamilton Street, those are addresses I do recognize as Regina, with one signature, Mr. Speaker, from a community just to the east of Regina — White City. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of these 20 residents of our province, it's my privilege and responsibility to present their names in petition in this Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, if I'm not mistaken, Litzenberger is an address here in the city of Regina, — a crescent; I'm informed by a member opposite that it's a crescent here in Regina. There are also other Regina addresses on this petition, Mr. Speaker: Osler Street, Sweeney Street — I believe that's Regina — Arthur, McVeety Drive, Mr. Speaker. Others have simply indicated that their community is the city of Regina, the capital city of our province. Twenty further names in petition to the legislature, Mr. Speaker, and it's my privilege and responsibility to present this petition on their behalf, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I look at this petition I have no difficulty recognizing where it's from, Mr. Speaker. Most if not all of the signatures to this petition have affixed their home

addresses, Mr. Speaker, and I note that each one of these signatories live in the city of Moose Jaw. Each and every one of them live in the city of Moose Jaw.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — Mr. Speaker, and again they come from every part of the city of Moose Jaw. Stadacona Street, Hochelaga Street, Monk Avenue, Grace, Marquis Avenue, Francis Street, Willow, Elgin Hall. Many of these in the constituency of Moose Jaw North, Mr. Speaker. Laurier Street, Vaughan Street, and Holdsworth, Mr. Speaker. Another 20 signatures from the city that I am privileged, along with the member from Moose Jaw North, to represent, Mr. Speaker, petitioning their legislature. I lay this on the Table, Mr. Speaker, with the sincere hope that government members opposite will pay attention to the concerns of these residents of the city of Moose Jaw.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Calvert: — And, Mr. Speaker, as I look at this petition, again the street names tell me without exception that these two are residents of the city of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker. And again, Mr. Speaker, I recognize some of the names, some of those who have affixed their signature, Mr. Speaker, to the petition. And again, Mr. Speaker, I know that these names represent people from all walks of life and from all ages and from every part of our city, Mr. Speaker, from Normandy Drive on the north side, Smith Street on the south side.

Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege and a responsibility as a member from the city of Moose Jaw, and it's my delight to be presenting these signatures to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize this petition also as coming from the city of Moose Jaw. Mr. Speaker, I recognize one of my neighbour's names on this petition. This is from Valleyview Drive, not far from where I call home in Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker. But again, not just from Valleyview Drive but from every part of the city, Mr. Speaker, from Vaughan Street, Athabasca Street, Caribou Street, Wood Lily, Albert Street — Albert Street, Moose Jaw that is, Mr. Speaker. With one exception, Mr. Speaker, someone who makes her home in the district surrounding Moose Jaw but would certainly call Moose Jaw her home, I know that, but who lives and farms just outside of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker, who would actually live in the constituency of Thunder Creek.

Again someone here from Warner, from Hall Street, Carleton, Henleaze, Hall Street, from every corner of the city of Moose Jaw. Mr. Speaker, as one of the MLAs from that community, it's my privilege to present this petition to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, joining the thousands of others from the city of Moose Jaw who have petitioned this legislature, yet another 14 signatures, Mr. Speaker, again from every corner of the city of Moose Jaw. Without exception these signatories live in the city of Moose Jaw. Mr. Speaker, Grey Street, Hawthorne Crescent, Athabasca West, 1st

North East, Spadina, Queen Crescent, Simpson Avenue, Vaughan Street, Mr. Speaker, all from the beautiful city of Moose Jaw, Mr. Speaker. And it's my responsibility and privilege to present their signatures here to the Table of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker . . .

The Speaker: — Order. I have asked hon. members in the past not to waste the time of the House by signing their petitions. If you're unable to present your petitions without using up the time of the House signing them, I will have to move to the next member.

Mr. Calvert: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your guidance, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I view this petition, I believe it is the first time I have had the opportunity to present a petition in the legislature under the prayer which I identified at the start from residents, sir, of Montreal Lake, Saskatchewan — from Montreal Lake, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

But outside of Montreal Lake there are also signatures here from Spruce Home, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker; from Prince Albert, Mr. Speaker; and from Big River, Mr. Speaker — communities in the beautiful North of Saskatchewan. And it's my privilege on behalf of these residents of Saskatchewan to lay their petition on the Table.

Mr. Speaker, I note that each of the 20 signatories on this petition, Mr. Speaker, all without exception . . . no, sorry, Mr. Speaker, with one exception, make their home in the community of Ogema. So we've gone from the north to the south of Saskatchewan. All of these from the community of Ogema, with one exception, and this signatory makes her home in the constituency, in the community of Estevan, Saskatchewan, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry, there is one other exception on this petition — a signatory who is from Tisdale, Saskatchewan. So a fair distance away from Estevan, but Tisdale, Estevan, and the community of Ogema, Mr. Speaker. I am privileged to lay these petitioners' signatures on the Table of the Legislative Assembly. Thanks.

Mr. Speaker, as I review the signatures on this petition, I believe they are all from the city of Regina, Mr. Speaker, from McDonald Street, from Minto Street, which I believe is here in Regina, Montague Street which I know is in Regina, Horace Street here in Regina. Mr. Speaker, with many, many others from this community of Regina who have signed petitions, I add these signatories to those from this city who are petitioning the legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I have two other petitions to present this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, two others of the many more that I have but I would like to present two others today. And, Mr. Speaker, interestingly, both of these petitions have been completely filled by residents of the community of Fox Valley, Mr. Speaker, the community of Fox Valley with one or two exceptions, one from Richmond, Mr. Speaker. And so on behalf of these residents of Fox Valley and the one from Richmond, Mr. Speaker, it's my

privilege and responsibility to present this petition, Mr. Speaker. p.m.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, the last petition I would like to present this afternoon bringing, Mr. Speaker, to a total of 400 or so petitioners, signatories whose names I have laid on the Table this day — 400 in the short while that I have been presenting petitions today. Again another petition from the residents of Fox Valley, Mr. Speaker, who with the 400 or so others who I've presented today, protest this government's decision to impose a very unfair tax. It's my privilege to present this petition, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

The Assembly adjourned at 5 p.m.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lautermilch: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I see it's nearing 5 o'clock, but I wanted to rise today to present a petition on behalf of some residents of the constituency of Prince Albert, my colleague, the member from Prince Albert.

And they are, sir, urging that this government stop the provincial goods and services tax and hold back that legislation until the people of Saskatchewan have had an opportunity to pass judgement on that particular Bill, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I know the member from Moose Jaw North is anxious to present his petitions, so I will hold the thousands that I have before me for another day and yield the floor to the member from Moose Jaw North. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hagel: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule 11, it's my honour to join my colleagues in the presentation of petitions this afternoon. The petition that I wish to present, Mr. Speaker, is the same . . .

The Speaker: — Order, order. Order, order. Order. It seems that there are a good number of people anxious to submit petitions. I would like the hon. member to . . . I ask the hon. members to give the member from Moose Jaw North . . . (inaudible) . . .

Mr. Hagel: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I notice with interest that there are members eager to get into this on both sides of the floor.

Well, Mr. Speaker, the petition I wish to present today is from people who are calling for this provincial government to withdraw its unfair legislation to introduce the provincial goods and services tax, and to seek the mandate that it ought to have in order to introduce such a tax by calling a provincial election.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hagel: — Very clearly, Mr. Speaker, they are indicating that a mandate needs to be sought in order to . . .

The Speaker: — Order, order. The hon. member is entering debate and he's out of order. And it being 5 o'clock the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2