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McGuinty Liberals Use Desperate Tactics to Pass HST Bill: MPP Jones

(Queen's Park)—Progressive Conservative MPP Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon) says the McGuinty Liberals are trying to push the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) through by using procedural tactics.

The Harmonized Sales Tax blends the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) to a single 13% sales tax. Yesterday, the McGuinty Liberals introduced Bill 218, which would implement the HST in the Legislature. The Liberal government is trying to push this bill through so quickly that no public consultations or public debate will be held.

“Ontario families should be concerned that the Liberal government is hindering the democratic process and imposing this tax grab on Ontario families,” says Jones. “The McGuinty Liberals are desperate to have the HST bill passed since backing down last week to public pressure and exempting the tax on newspapers and food purchases under \$4.00.”

The HST is the largest tax grab in Ontario's history, and will force people to pay for necessities such as gas, hydro, and home heating fuel.

“Plain and simple this is the wrong tax at the wrong time,” said Jones. “The Progressive Conservative Party and our Leader Tim Hudak has made it top priority to protect Ontarians from this tax and from the McGuinty Liberal's rushing through the legislation without public consultation.”

The PC Party has already begun consulting with leading Parliamentary experts on the options available to stop the HST from pushing through.

If you would like to sign a petition opposing the HST, please visit www.sylviajonesmpp.ca and click under the Petitions' section. The petition is also available for signing at constituency offices in both Bolton and Orangeville.

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