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GST likely be replaced: Reed

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"The prime minister was accused of saying some things that might have been misconstrued but we've always said we would replace the GST," said Mr. Reed. "While some members might have use the word 'scrap' in the heat of the moment during debates if you listen to the whole of their positions they mentioned replacing it sometimes more than once," Mr. Reed said.

He called Finance Minister Paul Martin's explanation last spring an apology from the government and Prime Minister Jean Chretien's recent apology "more of a personal thing" to anyone who might have been confused.

Mr. Reed speculated that the GST will likely be replaced entirely by a blended tax, including both GST and PST, much like what has occurred in the Maritimes. The new tax would be fashioned after the Value Added Tax (VAT) of many major European countries.

Regarding unemployment hovering around 10 per cent, Mr. Reed was quick to point out that that level of unemployment does not exist in Halton.

"There are more people working today than there were three years ago (when the Liberals were elected) and more are in permanent jobs," he said.

"Unemployment bothers me because of the people who are unemployed. Those people without skills or who had jobs which are no longer in concert with the economy are going to find the going tough."

The MP called the levels unbearably high and said despite the creation of 675,000 new Canadian jobs in the last three years the government cannot rest on its laurels. He said he hoped that with the improvement in the economy some semi-skilled jobs would come back.

"The government cannot create jobs directly, except in the civil service. We create the climate where new jobs can be created," he said, citing low interest rates as one of the things that put more money into the

economy and allow businesses to grow and thereby increase hiring.

He credited the government's attack on the deficit with driving those lower interest rates.

"If you renewed your mortgage lately you're putting jungle in your pocket big time," he said. "And that's better than any tax break or tax reduction."

Mr. Reed also pointed to the healthy new home market as a major economic boom not only to the industry itself but to all the spin off industries such as furniture, white goods and appliances.

Regarding the federal budget deficit Mr. Reed said off-loading to the provinces is not as extensive as people have been led to believe. He called the reductions in transfer payments small and said that in the deficit fight "every Canadian has to pull some of the load."

"My information is that Paul Martin is one year ahead of his deficit projections," Mr. Reed said. "The February budget will provide a hardcore projection. In the past two years we have exceeded our own projections."

Mr. Reed said he expects the deficit to be reduced to below three per cent of gross domestic product, a key milestone in that all borrowing is done within Canada. Borrowing only in Canada means the interest rates are low. He called the milestone an important corner to turn in the deficit fight.

"There are reasons to be optimistic on 1997," said Mr. Reed, who guaranteed he would be a candidate in the next federal election.

He said the latest election rumours in Ottawa are holding for a spring election however a late summer election might be possible. He downplayed the idea that recent turbulence caused by the GST and jobs would scuttle any election plans.

"He had the guts to say he was sorry," said Mr. Reed about Mr. Chretien. "The longer I live with him the better I like him. I will say with him what you see is what you get. There is no subterfuge in him."



Julian Reed

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*The Annual New Year's Eve
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Visit Victoria Park on December 31, 1996
and gather around the historic bell to greet in 1997.

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- Auld Lang Syne

• Refreshments at 11:45 p.m.
Courtesy of the Milton District Kinsmen Club

*The Annual Mayor & Council
New Year's Levee*

Please join Mayor Krantz and
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10th Annual Mayor & Council New Year's
Levee on January 1, 1997 at
the Milton Town Hall from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Meet Milton's Local Artists
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- Enjoy light refreshments
Courtesy of the Milton Historical Society.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON
DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES

FACILITY MAINTENANCE - MILTON LEISURE CENTRE

The Department of Leisure Services requires a temporary maintenance person for the Leisure Centre. The Centre has a 25-metre swimming pool, leisure pool, whirlpool, sauna, gymnasium, weight training room, aerobic studio, meeting/activity room and child care facilities.

WORK SCHEDULE: Shift Work - up to 40 hours per week.
January 1997 through May 1997.

JOB FUNCTION: Reports directly to Facility Operations Supervisor. Responsible for maintenance/janitorial duties at the Centre.

QUALIFICATIONS: Experience in maintenance/janitorial duties. Knowledge and experience in pool operations is an asset.

Interested applicants should submit a resume by Friday, January 3, 1997 to:

Town of Milton
Department of Leisure Services
P.O. Box 1005
43 Brown Street
Milton, Ontario
L9T 4B6

Attention: Doug Thompson, Coordinator, Parks & Facilities Development.

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We thank all applicants for their interest and advise that only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.