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Glen Thorne explains Weatherhaven's partnership with Tri-Metal Fabricators, and their 'redeployable' shelters.



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House of Commons' committee members listen to guest speakers.

Federal finance committee makes pit stop in S. Surrey

The House of Commons' standing committee on finance met on Monday in Surrey, the first stop on a six-city road trip across Canada.

The series of meetings – open to guests requesting to make presentations – opened at the Hampton Inn, located on the Langley Bypass.

Committee member Russ Hiebert (South Surrey-White Rock-Cloverdale Conservative MP) commended the group's efforts to receive feedback.

"I am very pleased that my colleagues on the finance committee agreed to come to my community to hear the views of local groups on the direction our nation's finances should be taking," Hiebert said in a news release Monday afternoon.

"These hearings provide Canadians in our community an opportunity to have direct input into the next federal budget."

After a morning session, committee members toured Tri-Metal Fabricators in South Surrey, at 19150 21 Avenue.

"My committee colleagues were impressed to see the use of high-tech manufacturing employed at Tri-Metal, which exports its products around the globe, and creates high-paying, skilled jobs here in our community," Hiebert said.

Delegates Monday included representatives from the Surrey Board of Trade, Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter.