

will be recorded.

Mr. Bradley Is this a personal preference or a corporate preference?

Mr. Chairman It is a personal preference, it refers to each several member.

Mr. Hollett Surely as we all voted unanimously that this motion pass, we should be given the opportunity to say which of the two we prefer, one or the other of the two. I see no reason why we cannot.

Mr. Smallwood Do you think you own the Convention?

Mr. Hollett Are you addressing the Chair?

Mr. Higgins Last night this matter was discussed, and following the passage of the motion with respect to members not being present, it was understood then, because I asked you, sir, that I should convey to Mr. Brown the message that in addition to his vote on the motion he should include also his preference; and it was definitely decided that we could express our preference if we cared to today.

Mr. Smallwood Is there not notice of motion from Mr. Higgins covering the vote of absent members?

Mr. Higgins It was passed last night.

Mr. Chairman I have to record the voice of Mr. K.M. Brown and that of Mr. McCormack on the motion is accordance with the motion adopted here last night.

Mr. Smallwood If we want to, we can make a motion. I say we do not want to express our preference. Incidentally, we are supposed to adjourn.

Mr. Higgins I rise to a point of order. We made a decision to decide this tonight.

Mr. Chairman The actual position is this: certain members here, in addressing themselves to the business before the Chair, intimated to me they had a distinct preference for one of the two forms of government contained in the motion. That was definite. But before they were prepared to support the motion, they wanted an assurance from me that they should have the opportunity of recording their preference. I assured them it was my duty to do that. Surely, if I do it twice I cannot be criticised. If I postpone doing it now, and some members do not get the opportunity of expressing their preference, I might be open to fair criticism for not doing it now. If your preference is for the form contained in the motion not yet before the

Chair, you refrain from expressing your preference. I am going to do it now.

Mr. Smallwood Point of order. Next order of business is order no. 2, not the business we are discussing. Order no. 1 is disposed of; next is order no. 2.

Mr. Higgins This is part of no. 2.

Mr. Vardy Order no. 1 is not disposed of. There is far too much dictation going on in this Convention. I have every respect and sympathy for you, sir. I am not going to be dictated to. We should decide on order no. 1 first and then tackle order no. 2.

Mr. Bradley I do not know what all this fuss is about. There is no reason for it. If a member wants to record his preference he can do so now, according to the Chairman. He has the right if he so wishes. If the Chairman wants to give the members the opportunity of recording their preference, I do not see any reason why it cannot be done.

Mr. Vardy You or Mr. Smallwood have no right to interfere.

Mr. Bradley You do not know what you are talking about.

Mr. Chairman I want to rule now on your point of order. I do not think in the light of standing order 39 that I have disposed of the motion which has just been adopted. I am to accord any member the right of stating his preference as between these two. If members want to do it now or tomorrow morning, it is a matter of indifference to me.

Will all members who prefer responsible government as against Commission of Government, please to rise.

Members voting for responsible government (preference):

Messrs. Goodridge, Watton, Hollett, Jones, Kennedy, Banfield, MacDonald, Starkes, Hannon, Spencer, Ballam, Vincent, Bradley, Smallwood, Burry, McCarthy, Roberts, Keough, Ashbourne, Fudge, Northcott, Penney, Reddy, Dawe, Crummey, Miller, Ryan, Fowler, Fogwill, Butt, Higgins, Hickman, Cashin, Crosbie, Harrington, Cranford, Vardy, Bailey.

Messrs. Brown and McCormack — recorded. (27)

Mr. Chairman Will all members who prefer Commission government as against responsible