

referendum. Come on, let them throw all their excuses out the window and vote for this motion. Let them show us that they are not afraid to let the people decide on confederation. I dare them to do it!

**Mr. Higgins** I move that the motion be now put, and in doing so I would like to make a brief explanation on one point which Mr. Smallwood brought up.

**Mr. Chairman** You have already spoken to the motion.

**Mr. Higgins** By way of explanation?

**Mr. Chairman** No, you can only speak once and you have already spoken.

**Mr. Higgins** In that case, I move that the motion be now put.

**Mr. Chairman** Mr. Secretary, please ring the bells to make sure all members are in the chamber. The motion before the House is:

Be it resolved that the National Convention desires to recommend to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom that the following form of government be placed before the people of Newfoundland in the forthcoming national referendum, namely:

Confederation with Canada upon the basis submitted to the National Convention on November 6, 1947, by the Prime Minister of Canada.

All members in favour of the motion, please to rise.

For: Messrs. Banfield, MacDonald,  
Starkes, Spencer, Ballam,  
Figary, Vincent, Smallwood,  
Burry, McCarthy, Roberts,  
Keough, Newell and  
Ashbourne.

Recorded: Messrs.

Hillier and Bradley. (16)

Against: Messrs.

Goodridge, Watton, Hollett,  
Kennedy, Hannon, Fudge,  
Northcott, Penney, Reddy,  
Jackman, Dawe, Crummey,  
Miller, Ryan, Fowler,

Fogwill, Butt, MacCormack,  
Bailey, Vardy, Cranford,  
Harrington, Crosbie, Cashin,  
Hickman, Higgins.

Recorded: Messrs.

Job, Jones and Brown. (29)

The Chairman announced that he would determine the personal preferences of members pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure as between confederation with Canada on the basis of the proposals submitted to the Convention on November 6th, 1947, by the Prime Minister of Canada, and Commission of Government.

There appeared in favour of confederation on the said basis: Messrs. Banfield, McDonald, Starkes, Spencer, Ballam, Figary, Vincent, Smallwood, Burry, Roberts, Ashbourne, Bradley K.C. (recorded).

Thereupon the Chairman announced that he would determine the personal preferences of members as between confederation with Canada on the said basis and responsible government as it existed in Newfoundland prior to its suspension in 1934.

There appeared in favour of confederation with Canada on the said basis: Messrs. Banfield, McDonald, Starkes, Spencer, Ballam, Figary, Vincent, Smallwood, Burry, Roberts, Ashbourne, Bradley K.C. (recorded).

Thereupon the Chairman announced that he would determine the personal preferences of members as between responsible government and both Commission of Government and confederation with Canada.

There appeared in favour of responsible government: Messrs. Goodridge, Watton, Hollett, Kennedy, Hannon, Fudge, Northcott, Penney, Reddy, Jackman, Dawe, Crummey, Miller, Ryan, Fowler, Fogwill, Butt, MacCormack, Bailey, Vardy, Cranford, Harrington, Crosbie, Cashin, Hickman, Higgins K.C., Brown (recorded).

*[The Convention adjourned at 5:30 am]*

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*[In private session, the Convention approved its final report as drafted by a committee chaired by Mr. Cashin]*

**Mr. Higgins** Mr. Chairman, I have three notices

of motion to give, and I trust the members, when they hear them, will be prepared to waive the usual notice and will agree to adopt them, or receive them, today. In accordance with the rules,