

The House then resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Deslières, seconded by Mr. Schneider:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:**

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

And on the proposed motion of Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Graydon, in amendment thereto:—That the following be added to the Address:

“We regret that Your Excellency's advisers have failed:

- (a) To relieve Canadian taxpayers from the burden of excessive and unjust taxation;
- (b) To eliminate waste and extravagance and thereby reduce taxes and the cost of living;
- (c) To take any effective steps to regain the Commonwealth markets for food and other products upon which the prosperity of our farmers and other basic producers so directly depend;
- (d) To conduct enquiries in consultation with the Provincial governments, so that necessary information may be available for the Dominion and Provincial governments to consider jointly a National Health Insurance Program;
- (e) To reach agreement with the Provincial governments in regard to a clearly defined re-allocation of taxing powers so that the Provincial governments and Municipal councils may have adequate financial resources to carry out their rapidly increasing responsibilities.”

And on the proposed motion of Mr. Coldwell, seconded by Mr. MacInnis, in amendment to the said proposed amendment:—That the amendment be amended by deleting paragraphs (d) and (e) and by substituting therefor the following:—

“We regret further that Your Excellency's advisers have failed:

- (a) To recommend legislation establishing a nation-wide health insurance program, with provision for provincial administration;
- (b) To implement their proposals to the Dominion-Provincial Conference of 1945.”

And after further Debate thereon; the question being put on the said proposed amendment to the proposed amendment; it was negatived on the following division:—

**YEAS**

Messrs.

Argue,  
Blackmore,  
Bryce,  
Coldwell,  
Fair,

Gillis,  
Hansell,  
Herridge,  
Johnston,  
Jones,

Knight,  
Knowles,  
Low,  
MacInnis,  
Noseworthy,

Quelch,  
Shaw,  
Thatcher,  
Thomas,  
Wright,  
Wylie—21.