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Paragraph re plebiscite:

*When the Session opened*  
the Administration wished to place beyond question its moral right, as well as its legal power, to complete freedom of action ~~at a time of greatest~~ ~~crisis~~. Legislative provision was accordingly made to seek from the people, by means of a plebiscite, release from any obligation arising out of any past commitments with respect to the method of raising men for military service. By their vote on the plebiscite, the people overwhelmingly expressed the opinion that the government should possess complete freedom to act in accordance with its judgment of the needs of the situation as they might arise. That freedom of action was subsequently established beyond doubt by an amendment to the National Resources Mobilization Act.