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Suggested Plan of Speech

1. The significance of the motion - the vote of confidence forecast in 1942 - not a vote on conscription - but a vote to decide whether this government will stay in office or another government will take its place.
2. The decision as to the use of conscription has been taken by the government on its responsibility in accordance with the freedom of action given by the plebiscite - the decision taken is precisely in accord with the policy announced in 1942, namely, "not necessarily conscription, but conscription if necessary." *only to the extent that it is necessary*
3. The decision on the principle of conscription was taken by Parliament in 1942 in approving Bill 80. At the time, it was made clear that there should be no second debate on conscription.