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leader of the opposition on that occasion, a custom had grown up which should not be allowed to become a precedent in this house, though it is rapidly moving in that direction. What the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) is attempting to do in this resolution, of course, is simply to change the order which has been the custom in peacetime sessions of parliament for many decades.

I think you will recall, sir, the words of the leader of the opposition when he pleaded with the Prime Minister not to make this move, and quoted the words of none other than the former prime minister, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King. While it is not possible for those on this side of the house to endorse everything that the former prime minister said, there is no reason why we should not pick out some of the good things; and we are doing so on this occasion.

I should like to say to the Prime Minister and to the government that the opposition does not feel that it can concur in the suggestion contained in this resolution. We think we are departing from a custom and a practice, and also from the rules. For that reason we must insist upon the debate on the speech from the throne being concluded and the issue brought to a vote before dealing with matters that normally should be dealt with only after the debate has ended. I ask the Prime Minister if in view of the circumstances he will not withdraw his motion.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. St. Laurent) which was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Abbott Cournoyer Anderson Croll Applewhaite Cruickshank Ashbourne Dechene Bater Demers Beaudoin Denis Benidickson Dewar Bennett Dickey Blanchette Boisvert Douglas Boivin Dube Bonnier Dumas Boucher Elderkin Bourget Eyre Bradette Fauteux Bradley Ferrie Breithaupt Fontaine Brisson Fournier (Hull) Brown (Essex West) Fournier (Maisonneuve-Bruneau Rosemont) Gagnon Byrne Cannon Gardiner Carroll Garland Carter Garson Cavers Gauthier (Lake St. John) Chevrier Gauthier (Sudbury) Cleaver Gauthier (Lapointe) Cloutier Gauthier (Portneuf) Cote (Matapedia-Matane) George

Gingras Gingues Goode Gosselin Gour (Russell) Harris (Grey-Bruce) Harrison Healy Helme Henderson Hetland Hosking Huffman Isnor James Jeffery Jutras Kent Kickham Kirk (Antigonish-Guysborough) Kirk (Digby-Yarmouth) LaCroix Lafontaine Laing Langlois (Berthier-Maskinonge) Langlois (Gaspe) Lapalme Lapointe Larson

Lefrancois
Little
Macdonald (Edmonton
East)
MacKenzie
MacLean (Cape Breton
North and Victoria)
MacNaught
Macnaughton
McCann
McCubbin
McCulloch

Leduc

McCusker

Covle

Fair

Fleming

Graydon

Herridge

Higgins

Hodgson

Harris (Danforth)

Hansell

Fraser

Fulton

Gillis

Diefenbaker

McIlraith McIvor McLean (Huron-Perth) McWilliam Major Maltais Masse Martin Matthews Maybank Mayhew Monette Mott

Murray (Oxford) Murray (Cariboo) Mutch

Mutch Pearson Picard Poulin Pouliot Power Proudfoot Ratelle

Richard (Ottawa East)

Riley Rinfret Roberge Robertson Rooney Ross (Ham

Ross (Hamilton East)

St. Laurent
Simmons
Sinnott
Smith (Queens-Shel-

burne)
Smith (York North)
Smith (Moose Mountain)
Stewart (Yorkton)

Stick Stuart (Charlotte) Studer

Thomson Tremblay Valois Viau Ward Warren Weaver Weir Welbourn Whiteside Winkler Winters Wood—154.

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Adamson Homuth Argue Johnston Balcer Jones Beverstein Knight Blackmore Knowles Blair Lennard Brooks Low Macdonnell (Greenwood) Bryce Casselman MacInnis Charlton Coldwell McLure Courtemanche

McGregor
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Murphy
Pearkes
Quelch
Ross (Souris)
Rowe
Shaw

Stewart (Winnipeg North)

Thatcher White (Hastings-Peterborough) White (Middlesex East)

Wright
Wylie—48.

[Mr. Graydon.]

Cote (Verdun-LaSalle)