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With reference to the question of the basis upon which I came to the conclusion that I reported to the committee this afternoon, I can only say that I consulted with the officials upon whom I rely to advise me and the officials with whom it is proper for me to consult and that we did together come to the conclusion that it would be appropriate to introduce this amendment at the present time for the reason I gave to this committee this afternoon.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, I had not intended to take up any more of the time of the committee at all until the minister chose to put on the record here his own interpretation of the attitude I took in the committee. I feel that the record will not be complete unless I now put on the record the position that I took in the committee, and obviously there is not time to do that tonight; but I do think there is one thing that may not always be true, the old principle *post hoc ergo propter hoc*, but there is no doubt in this case that we would not have had this amendment from the government at all if I had not moved an amendment in the committee and forced the hand of the government.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Don't be so modest.

Mr. Pickersgill: The minister knows perfectly well, as my hon. friend from Ottawa West has pointed out at length, that the government had turned down this matter, turned it down completely and finally and I came in and moved an amendment and they began to be worried and thought it was a bandwagon and now they are all trying to get on it. It is eleven o'clock, sir.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Your mentor is in the gallery.

Progress reported.

Mr. Pickersgill: Perhaps the government leader would tell us what he thinks he can get his followers to do tomorrow.

Mr. Churchill: It would be helpful if I could find out what the opposition intends to do from day to day.

Mr. McIlraith: We tried to help you today.

Mr. Churchill: Tomorrow we will continue and complete this particular bill and then estimates will follow. They will follow in this order, only subject to change if some unforeseen accident occurs, for the balance of the session: northern affairs and national resources, secretary of state, defence production, legislation, labour, defence, finance, trade and commerce, privy council.

On Friday of this week the first item that will be called for discussion other than estimates will be the motion appearing in *Votes and Proceedings* of Monday in the name of the Prime Minister with reference to the amendment as to the tenure of office of judges.

Mr. Pickersgill: The amendment to the British North America Act.

Mr. Churchill: Yes. That will be brought forward on Friday.

Mr. Pickersgill: I wonder whether the minister would repeat the qualification he made about the order of departments?

Mr. Churchill: I said that would be the order unless some unforeseen circumstance arises such as some minister being unexpectedly called away or somebody on the opposition side requesting a change in the order of procedure.

It being three minutes after eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to special order.
