

until the Speaker himself resumes the Chair before the end of the sitting for that day.

Absence of Speaker

**10.** Whenever the Senate is informed by the Clerk at the Table of the unavoidable absence of the Speaker, the Senate may choose any senator to preside as Speaker during such absence; and such senator shall thereupon have and execute all the powers, privileges and duties of Speaker, until the Speaker himself resumes the Chair, or another Speaker is appointed by the Governor General.

Acts valid

**11.** Every act done by any senator, acting as aforesaid, shall have the same effect and validity as if the act were done by the Speaker himself.

Evening sittings

**12.** If, at six o'clock in the afternoon, the business be not concluded, the Speaker or the chairman of the committee leaves the chair until eight o'clock; the mace being left on or under the table, as the case may be: Provided that, if at the said time, a division has been ordered, the Speaker or the chairman shall not leave the chair until such division has been taken and any formal business immediately consequent thereon has been completed.

Adjournment on Friday

**13.** Unless otherwise ordered, when the Senate adjourns on Friday, it shall stand adjourned until the Monday following.

Demeanour of senators at adjournment

**14.** When the Senate adjourns, senators shall keep their places until the Speaker has left the chamber.

Powers and duties of Speaker

**15.** The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide points of order, subject to an appeal to the Senate. In explaining a point of order or practice he shall state the rule or authority applicable to the case.

Demeanour of senators in chamber

**16.** When the Senate is sitting:

- (a) senators shall not pass between the chair and the table;
- (b) when entering, leaving or crossing the Senate chamber, senators shall bow to the chair;
- (c) if senators have occasion to speak together, they shall go below the bar, otherwise the Speaker shall stop the business under discussion.