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the continuance of such absences of the Speaker, have and execute all the powers, privileges, and duties of Speaker.

That the Governor General shall issue writs to the Lieutenant-Governor of each Province for the election of Senators in case of vacancies. Where the vacancy is created by the expiration of a term, the writs shall issue at such time that the election may be held during the session of the Legislative Assembly next preceding the date of the expiration of the term; and where the vacancy is created by any of the causes hereinbefore stated, the writ shall issue

as soon as may be after the creation of the vacancy, and said writ be transmitted to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of each Province and in all cases the election shall be held during the session of the Legislative Assembly. If the Legislative Assembly be in session at the date of the receipt of the writ, and if the Legislative Assembly be not in session at the time, then during the next ensuing session thereof, and the writs shall be returned to the Governor General — days after the election.