

DAILY ROUTINE BUSINESS

OPENING OF SITTING

31. The Speaker, preceded by the Usher and the Sergeant-at-Arms, enters the Chamber, takes the Chair, and reads prayers. ^{Speaker's entrance.}

32. Whenever the Speaker, from illness or other cause, finds it necessary to leave the Chair during the sitting of the Senate, he calls upon any Senator to take the Chair during the remainder of such sitting, or until he himself resumes the Chair before the Senate rises; but in the event of the Speaker being unavoidably absent and unable to attend the sitting of the Senate, the Clerk announces it at the Table, and the Senate chooses another Senator to preside as Speaker until the Speaker's return, or until another Speaker is appointed by the Governor General. Rs. 10, 11; M. 187; B. 165. ^{Acting Speaker.}

33. After prayers, all matters requiring discussion with closed doors, are submitted. Should there be nothing, the Speaker says, addressing the Sergeant-at-Arms: "Let the doors be opened," and thereupon the ^{Closed doors.} ^{Doors opened.}