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

10. Whenever the Senate is informed by the Clerk at the Table of the unavoidable absence of the Speaker, the senator chosen by the Senate under Rule 66 to preside as Speaker *pro tempore*, or, if he is absent, any senator chosen by the Senate, shall preside during such absence and shall thereupon have and execute all the powers, privileges and duties of the Speaker until the Speaker, or the Speaker *pro tempore*, as the case may be, resumes the Chair.

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.

Friday adjournment

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

Demeanour on adjournment

14. When the Senate adjourns, senators shall stand until the Speaker has left the Chamber.

Emergency sittings

14A. (1) If, during any adjournment of the Senate, the Speaker is satisfied that the public interest requires that the Senate meet at a time earlier than that set forth in the motion for such adjournment, the Speaker may call such a meeting by sending a notice to each senator at the latest address of the senator filed with the Clerk of the Senate, informing the senator of the time of the meeting.

Non-receipt of notice

(2) Non-receipt by a senator of the notice referred to in subsection (1) does not affect the validity of the notice.

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(3) In the absence of the Speaker, or where the office of Speaker is vacant, the Clerk of the Senate may act for the purposes of this rule.

Decorum and points of order

15. The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide points of order, subject to an appeal to the Senate.