

PART II

ROUTINE OF BUSINESS

Time of
daily
sittings

7. (1) Unless otherwise previously ordered, the Senate shall meet for the transaction of business at two o'clock in the afternoon of each sitting day.

Procedure
on first
day

(2) On the first day of each session of Parliament, a bill is read *pro forma*, the Speech from the Throne is reported by the Speaker and a Committee of Privileges, consisting of all the senators present during the session, is appointed to consider the orders and customs of the Senate and privileges of Parliament.

Lack of
quorum

8. When it appears, on notice being taken at the commencement of or during a sitting of the Senate, that fifteen senators, including the Speaker, are not present, the senators who may be in the adjoining rooms having been previously summoned, the Speaker shall adjourn the Senate until the next sitting day, without question put.

When
Speaker
leaves
Chair

9. Whenever the Speaker, from illness or other cause, finds it necessary to leave the Chair during any part of the sitting on any day, the Speaker may call upon any senator to take the Chair and preside as Speaker during the remainder of such day, or until the Speaker 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 senator chosen by the Senate under Rule 66(1)(a) to preside as Speaker *pro tempore*, or, if that senator 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.