

The Speaker, on arrival in front of the chair, stops, raises his hat and bows to the chair. The conducting senators also bow. The Speaker shakes hands with the conducting senators who return to their seats. The Speaker mounts the dais, raises his hat and bows to the right, raises his hat, bows to the left, and sits down.

The Assistant Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod proceeds along the east side of the table to the south end of the table, stands the mace on the floor and, holding it with both hands at the crown, remains standing.

The Speaker rises and reads the prayers. After the prayers have been read the Speaker resumes his seat.

The Assistant Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod places the mace upon the table and bows to the chair.

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and the Assistant Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod go to the back of the chamber, bow and take their seats.

The Speaker then rises and says in English and in French, "Let the doors be opened."

The Senate bells then ring.

The Speaker rises and says:

Honourable Senators:

I have the honour to inform you that I have received a communication from the Administrative Secretary to the Governor General which reads as follows:

The Speaker reads in English and in French the letter from Government House which indicates the time at which the first session of the new Parliament will open.

The Speaker resumes his chair.

If there are new senators to be introduced and sworn in, the procedure is as follows:

The Speaker rises and says:

Honourable Senators:

I have the honour to inform the Senate that the Clerk has received a certificate (or certificates) from the Registrar General of Canada showing that the Honourable ..... has (or have) been summoned to the Senate.

The Speaker resumes his chair.

The Speaker rises and says:

Honourable Senators:

I have the honour to inform you that there are senators without, waiting to be introduced.

The two senators sponsoring the new senator to be introduced proceed to the ante-chamber to escort him to the table. They proceed along the west