

- (r) "special committee" means a select committee other than a standing committee appointed to consider certain matters and to report thereon to the Senate;
- (s) "standing committee" means a select committee appointed to consider and to report thereon to the Senate matters falling within the duties specifically assigned to it by these rules, and on other matters that may from time to time be referred to it by the Senate;
- (t) "substantive motion" means an independent motion neither incidental to nor relating to a proceeding or order of the day already before the Senate;
- (u) "two days' notice" means a notice where a sitting day intervenes between the day on which the notice is given and the day on which the motion or inquiry is made;
- (v) "writing", "written" or any term of like import includes words printed, typewritten, painted, engraved, lithographed, photographed, or represented or reproduced by any mode of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

Coming into force

6. These rules shall come into force on a day to be fixed by order of the Senate.

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, he may call upon any senator to take the Chair and preside as Speaker during the remainder of such