

The Speaker hands his commission to the Clerk and remains standing while the Clerk reads it. When a new Speaker is also a new senator his commission as a senator must first be read by the Clerk Assistant. *See Senate Journals, 1957-58, page 2.*

The Leader of the Government and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate then conduct him to the chair.

The Clerk resumes his seat at the head of the table. The Clerk Assistant takes his seat on the east side of the table.

The Speaker, on arrival in front of the chair, mounts the dais.

The Assistant Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod proceeds to the south end of the table and stands the mace on the floor.

The Speaker rises and reads the prayers.

The Assistant Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod places the mace upon the table.

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and the Assistant Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod go to the back of the chamber 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 stand to the right of the Clerk. The Clerk Assistant then reads Her Majesty's writ of summons.

The Clerk then administers the oath prescribed by law as follows:

I, ....., do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.