

STANDING ORDERS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

GENERAL CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.

1. In all cases not hereinafter provided for, Mr. Speaker shall decide, taking for his guide the rules, forms, and usages of the House of Commons, so far as the same can be applied to the proceedings of the House.
2. Whenever the House shall be informed of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Committees is to take the chair for that day only; and in the event of Mr. Speaker's absence continuing for more than one day, is if the House shall think fit, and shall so order it, to take the chair in like manner, on any subsequent day during such absence.
3. On receiving a summons from his Excellency to attend the reading of his speech, Mr. Speaker shall communicate the same to the House, which shall accompany Mr. Speaker to the place mentioned in his Excellency's summons.
4. Mr. Speaker shall then return to the House, resume the chair, and read to the House the speech delivered by his Excellency.
5. Unless otherwise ordered by the House, the sitting days of the House shall be Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and Government business take precedence on Tuesdays and Fridays.
6. Unless otherwise ordered, Mr. Speaker shall take the chair at noon, except on Wednesdays, when the hour shall be 5 o'clock, p. m.
7. On taking the chair, Mr. Speaker shall read the prayer appointed by the House, at the termination whereof, if there be not a quorum present, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day.
8. The quorum shall consist of seventeen members inclusive of Mr. Speaker.
9. If at any time after the commencement of the business of the day, notice be taken that there is not a quorum present, Mr. Speaker shall, by his own authority, adjourn the House until the next day of meeting.