

**RULE TWO**

**DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

**2.1 - Convening**

In the absence of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, as Presiding Officer, shall take the Chair each day at the hour to which the House has adjourned, call the House to order and, except in the absence of a quorum, proceed under the Order of Business set forth in these Rules; provided, however, the Speaker Pro Tempore may, in the absence of the Speaker, designate any other Member of the House as Presiding Officer, but such designation shall not last beyond that day's adjournment.

**2.2 - Duties**

(a) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of Speaker in the absence of the Speaker.

(b) If at any time the office of Speaker becomes vacant because of removal from office, death, resignation or other disability of the person holding that office, then the Speaker Pro Tempore shall become acting Speaker until the disability is removed or a new Speaker is elected.

(c) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall not be considered the Speaker within the meaning of Article VI, Section 15 of the Oklahoma Constitution providing for succession to the Governorship.

(d) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be an ex officio voting member of all standing and special committees.