

1 ranging from the not unlikely to the remote.

2 The first sentence provides that the lieutenant
3 governor shall fill a vacancy in the office of governor.
4 The second sentence provides that the governor shall fill
5 a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor by nominating
6 a successor to the General Assembly. He shall take office
7 if appointed by a majority vote of all members in joint
8 session.

9 The third and fourth sentences deal with the
10 less likely possibility of a coexistent vacancy in the
11 office of governor and lieutenant governor. The third
12 sentence provides that if such vacancies coexist during the
13 first year of their terms, a new governor and lieutenant
14 governor shall be elected at the next general election with
15 the president of the Senate acting as governor during the
16 interim. This guarantees to the people the right to
17 elect their top elective officials if time permits.

18 The fourth sentence provides that if such vacan-
19 cies coexist after the first year of their terms, the presi-
20 dent of the Senate succeeds to the office of governor.

21 Some concern was expressed about having a