

1 legislative official in the line of succession. The com-
2 mittee feels, however, that this is the best solution. This
3 section is so structured that it is very unlikely that the
4 president of the Senate will ever have to so serve. The
5 president of the Senate is likely to have extensive famil-
6 iarity with the affairs of the State and hence will be
7 qualified to serve. Finally, the designation of the presi-
8 dent of the Senate creates an open-ended line, since the
9 Senate will always have a president or a means of selecting
10 one.

11 The fifth sentence provides that the president
12 of the Senate shall serve as acting governor if the
13 lieutenant governor is supposed to serve but the office
14 of lieutenant governor is vacant. For example, this
15 sentence would apply to the following situation: the
16 governor and lieutenant governor take office; the lieutenant
17 governor dies; before the governor can appoint his succes-
18 sor, the governor has a stroke and lapses into a coma.
19 At this point, the president of the Senate would serve as
20 acting governor.

21 The sixth sentence of this section provides a