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BACKGROUND: JAPAN ELECTION FIGURES

1. House of Councilors—total 250 seats—is elected for 6-year term, 125 members every 3 years. Seats at stake in this election included two vacancies, for a total of 127. Results:

	Pre-election Total	Hold-over (expire: '59)	New	New Total
L-D	122	61	60	121
GS	43	26	5	31
SDC	62	31	30	61
IND	8	5	9	14
JCP	1	0	2	2
GREEN GREENS	2	0	1	1
VACANT	2	x	x	x

2. Two-thirds majority is 167: L-D plus Green Greens have only 122. Blocking strength required is 84: Socialists alone have 81.

3. 75 of the contested seats were at stake in district elections; the remaining 52 were elected at large. Figures on percentage of popular vote won by various parties are not yet available.

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