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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1949.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. NEW GUINEA—ALLEGATIONS OF PROPOSED SALE TO JAPAN—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to a report in a newspaper that, in 1941, negotiations had taken place for the sale of New Guinea to Japan.
3. SHIPPING BILL 1949.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put.
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Lang	

*Tellers:*Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Beale	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	

*Tellers:*Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed: Mr. Sheehan reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Burke, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Ward.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.