

Frank (MA) Matsui Roybal-Allard  
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 Hastings (FL) Minge Slaughter  
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 Hilliard Mollohan Stark  
 Hinchey Montgomery Stenholm  
 Holden Moran Stokes  
 Hoyer Morella Studds  
 Jackson (IL) Murtha Stupak  
 Jackson-Lee Nadler Tanner  
 (TX) Neal Taylor (MS)  
 Jefferson Oberstar Tejada  
 Johnson (SD) Obey Thompson  
 Johnson, E. B. Olver Thornton  
 Johnston Ortiz Thurman  
 Kanjorski Orton Torres  
 Kaptur Pallone Torricelli  
 Kennedy (MA) Pastor Towns  
 Kennedy (RI) Payne (NJ) Traficant  
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 Kildee Pelosi Vento  
 Kleczka Peterson (FL) Visclosky  
 Klink Peterson (MN) Volkmer  
 Levin Pickett Ward  
 Lewis (GA) Pomeroy Waters  
 Lincoln Poshard Watt (NC)  
 Lipinski Rahall Waxman  
 Lofgren Rangel Wilson  
 Lowey Reed Wise  
 Luther Richardson Woolsey  
 Maloney Rivers Wyden  
 Markey Roemer Wynn  
 Mascara Rose Yates

## NOT VOTING—26

Ackerman Filner Martinez  
 Baker (LA) Ford  
 Barton Gibbons Myers  
 Bryant (TX) Hall (OH) Owens  
 Callahan Harman Quillen  
 Calvert Jacobs Quinn  
 Chapman LaFalce Serrano  
 Conyers Lantos Williams  
 Edwards Manton

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So the previous question was ordered.  
 The result of the vote was announced  
 as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. PRYCE].

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution, as amended.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

## RECORDED VOTE

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 224, noes 186, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 879]

## AYES—224

Allard Bilbray Burton  
 Archer Bilirakis Buyer  
 Arney Bliley Camp  
 Bachus Blute Campbell  
 Baker (CA) Boehlert Canady  
 Ballenger Boehner Castle  
 Barr Bonilla Chambliss  
 Barrett (NE) Brewster Chenoweth  
 Bartlett Brownback Christensen  
 Barton Bryant (TN) Chrysler  
 Bass Bunn Clinger  
 Bateman Bunning Coble  
 Bereuter Burr Coburn

Collins (GA) Horn  
 Combest Hostettler  
 Cooley Houghton  
 Cox Hunter  
 Crane Hutchinson  
 Crapo Hyde  
 Cubin Inglis  
 Cunningham Istook  
 Deal Johnson (CT)  
 DeLay Johnson, Sam  
 Diaz-Balart Jones  
 Dickey Kasich  
 Doolittle Kelly  
 Dornan Kim  
 Dreier King  
 Duncan Kingston  
 Dunn Klug  
 Ehlers Knollenberg  
 Ehrlich Kolbe  
 Emerson LaHood  
 English Largent  
 Ensign Latham  
 Everett LaTourette  
 Ewing Laughlin  
 Fawell Lazio  
 Fields (TX) Leach  
 Flanagan Lewis (CA)  
 Foley Lewis (KY)  
 Forbes Lightfoot  
 Fowler Linder  
 Fox Livingston  
 Franks (CT) Longley  
 Franks (NJ) Lucas  
 Frelinghuysen Manzullo  
 Frisa Martini  
 Funderburk McCollum  
 Gallegly McCrery  
 Gekas McDade  
 Gilchrest McHugh  
 Gillmor McInnis  
 Gilman McIntosh  
 Gingrich McKeon  
 Goodlatte Metcalf  
 Goodling Meyers  
 Goss Mica  
 Graham Miller (FL)  
 Greenwood Molinari  
 Gunderson Moorhead  
 Gutknecht Myrick  
 Hancock Nethercutt  
 Hansen Neumann  
 Hastert Ney  
 Hastings (WA) Norwood  
 Hayes Nussle  
 Hayworth Oxley  
 Hefley Packard  
 Heineman Parker  
 Herger Paxon  
 Hilleary Petri  
 Hobson Pombo  
 Hoekstra Porter  
 Hoke Portman

## NOES—186

Abercrombie Davis  
 Andrews de la Garza  
 Baesler DeFazio  
 Baldacci DeLauro  
 Barcia Dellums  
 Barrett (WI) Deutsch  
 Becerra Dicks  
 Beilenson Dingell  
 Bentzen Bentsen  
 Berman Doggett  
 Bevil Dooley  
 Bishop Doyle  
 Bonior Durbin  
 Bono Engel  
 Borski Eshoo  
 Boucher Evans  
 Browder Farr  
 Brown (CA) Fattah  
 Brown (FL) Fazio  
 Brown (OH) Fields (LA)  
 Cardin Flake  
 Chabot Foglietta  
 Clay Frank (MA)  
 Clayton Frost  
 Clement Furse  
 Clyburn Ganske  
 Coleman Gejdenson  
 Collins (IL) Gephardt  
 Collins (MI) Geren  
 Condit Gonzalez  
 Costello Gordon  
 Coyne Green  
 Cramer Gutierrez  
 Cremeans Hall (TX)  
 Danner Hamilton

McHale Peterson (FL)  
 McKinney Peterson (MN)  
 McNulty Pickett  
 Meehan Pomeroy  
 Meek Poshard  
 Menendez Rahall  
 Mfume Rangel  
 Miller (CA) Reed  
 Minge Richardson  
 Mink Rivers  
 Moakley Roemer  
 Mollohan Rose  
 Montgomery Roybal-Allard  
 Moran Rush  
 Morella Sabo  
 Murtha Sanders  
 Nadler Sawyer  
 Neal Schroeder  
 Oberstar Schumer  
 Obey Scott  
 Olver Sisisky  
 Ortiz Skaggs  
 Orton Skelton  
 Pallone Slaughter  
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So the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REQUEST THAT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS BE DISCHARGED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 131, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1996

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of House Joint Resolution 131, a clean continuing resolution extending the date of the existing CR to January 26, authorizing a 2.4 percent military pay raise effective January 1, and eliminating the 6-month disparity between COLA payment dates for military and civilian retirees in fiscal 1996, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Under the guidelines issued consistently by successive Speakers, as recorded on page 534 of the House rules manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the gentleman's request until it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leadership.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER PRIVILEGED RESOLUTION PROVIDING DEFICIT REDUCTION AND ACHIEVE A BALANCED BUDGET BY FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule IX, I rise to

give notice that I will seek recognition as a question of the privileges of the House to offer a resolution in the following form. The resolution is at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will read the resolution for the gentleman from Mississippi.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. —

Whereas clause 1 of rule IX of the Rules of the House of Representatives states that "Questions of privilege shall be, first, those affecting the rights of the House collectively";

Whereas article 1, section 9, clause 7 of the Constitution states that: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by law;

Whereas today, December 21, 1995, marks the 81st day that this Congress has been delinquent in fulfilling its statutory responsibility of enacting a budget into law; and

Whereas by failing to enact a budget into law this body has failed to fulfill one of its most basic constitutionally mandated duties, that of appropriating the necessary funds to allow the Government to operate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Rules is authorized and directed to forthwith report a resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 2530 (a bill to provide for deficit reduction and achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 2002).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair advises the gentleman from Mississippi that under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or a place designated by the Speaker in the legislative schedule within 2 legislative days, its being properly noticed. That designation will be announced at a later time. In the meantime, the form of the resolution proffered by the gentleman from Mississippi will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair is not at this point making a determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. The determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, would the Chair be kind enough to give me some indication of how much warning that I would receive as a Member as to when this would be brought before the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will give adequate notice, as has always been the case.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Could the chair give a better definition of "adequate notice"?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Not at this time.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. I thank the Chair.

removed as cosponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 119.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. FAZIO of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak to the majority leader about the schedule.

I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, first of all let me express my appreciation for the patience of the Members over these days leading up to the holidays. I know that it has been difficult for Members and their families, but today I am more hopeful that the end is in sight.

I am pleased to announce that today there were very productive discussions between senior White House officials and Members of the House and Senate leadership. I am also pleased to announce that starting tomorrow morning budget negotiations will begin between the congressional leadership and the President on balancing the budget.

It is our hope that these negotiations will be successful and expeditious. We believe that these negotiations, if conducted seriously, could be completed very quickly, perhaps in only a few days. It is our intention to bring to the floor as quickly as possible any agreement that balances the budget in 7 years using CBO numbers. At the same time, I do not want to keep Members in town unnecessarily. I will be announcing tomorrow a more definitive schedule for the next several days, but my expectation is to have the House in recess pending word of an agreement.

Depending on how the negotiations go tomorrow morning, the recess could be only for a day or two or it could last until Wednesday. I will recommend that the Members make plane reservations for sometime after 3 tomorrow afternoon, but understand that, if negotiations are moving quickly, we may stay to complete a balanced budget. I am sorry I cannot be more specific at this time.

Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, I would like to advise our Members that we have had the last vote of the evening, but we will have important work in the morning. I will be, in a moment, asking unanimous consent for a 9 a.m. time to commence work in the morning. But if that is granted, we would be dealing with House Resolution 299, a proposal for House royalty changes, possibly the ICC conference report. If we can work out all the details related to it, it may be possible tomorrow that we may be able to take up legislation that would affect D.C. government funding and AFDC.

So we still have important work for us to do tomorrow. We hope to be able

to conclude it expeditiously and get Members on their way. Again, let me remind Members, we would be in under those conditions, under recess. We would continue to work, and, as soon as something of import were available, we would give Members ample notice and then bring them back as quickly as possible to reconvene the House and complete that work.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, the other day the gentleman assured us that we would have a 24-hour notice on any return during the recess, the one we had prior. Is that still the standard that we could all be able to live with so that we could come from wherever we may be with family?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's point. Mr. Speaker, I should say that I believe, in fact, I assured 12 hours.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, 12 hours did the gentleman say?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, that was the position I took before. I do understand the problems of travel. I can assure that there would be definitely a 12-hour notice before we would convene business. I will try to be as considerate as I possibly can to make sure Members from the most remote locations have an opportunity to get back.

I understand how difficult it is. I would like to be, I would like to guarantee a 24-hour. I am just not sure that I could make such a guarantee and make it stick. But I think I can say with total confidence Members would have a 12-hour notice.

Mr. FAZIO of California. The problem, of course, is going to be that Members are going to be perhaps at greater than normal distance. Their staff is unlikely to be at post here. It may be more difficult for Members to get reservations during the holiday season. All of these things complicate the ability to do a short-time turnaround, and therefore I think, more than last week, we probably will need at least 24 hours for Members to be able to be here for what could be among the most important votes of this session.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman's point is well taken. Let me just say that I will address the issue with all the generosity and advance notice that I am able to give.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, if I could ask the gentleman about the schedule that he has outlined for tomorrow. I have been told that the State of California, that I represent, has a billion and a quarter dollars in Medicaid payments that are needed for us to be able to make our commitments to all the providers and to the people who are beneficiaries of the MediCal Program in our State.

I noticed and I think there is tremendous relief on this side of the aisle that we will be dealing with the AFDC issue that just yesterday we were told was not an issue. Is there any possibility that we could deal with the Medicaid problem in terms of meeting the requirements? At least several of our

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 119

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name