

Frank (MA) Matsui  
 Frost McCarthy  
 Furse McDermott  
 Gejdenson McHale  
 Gephardt McKinney  
 Geren McNulty  
 Gonzalez Meehan  
 Gordon Menendez  
 Green Mfume  
 Gutierrez Miller (CA)  
 Hamilton Minge  
 Hastings (FL) Mink  
 Hefner Moakley  
 Hilliard Mollohan  
 Hinchey Montgomery  
 Holden Moran  
 Hoyer Morella  
 Jackson (IL) Murtha  
 Jackson-Lee (TX) Nadler  
 Jefferson Oberstar  
 Johnson (SD) Obey  
 Johnson, E. B. Olver  
 Johnston Ortiz  
 Kanjorski Orton  
 Kaptur Pallone  
 Kennedy (MA) Pastor  
 Kennedy (RI) Payne (NJ)  
 Kennelly Payne (VA)  
 Kildee Pelosi  
 Kleczka Peterson (FL)  
 Klink Peterson (MN)  
 Levin Pickett  
 Lewis (GA) Pomeroy  
 Lincoln Poshard  
 Lipinski Rahall  
 Lofgren Rangel  
 Lowey Reed  
 Luther Richardson  
 Maloney Rivers  
 Markey Roemer  
 Mascara Rose

NOT VOTING—26

Ackerman Filner  
 Baker (LA) Ford  
 Barton Gibbons  
 Bryant (TX) Hall (OH)  
 Callahan Harman  
 Calvert Jacobs  
 Chapman LaFalce  
 Conyers Lantos  
 Edwards Manton

□ 1711

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 gentlewoman 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  
 Archer Bilirakis  
 Arney Bliley  
 Bachus Blute  
 Baker (CA) Boehlert  
 Ballenger Boehner  
 Barr Bonilla  
 Barrett (NE) Brewster  
 Bartlett Brownback  
 Barton Bryant (TN)  
 Bass Bunn  
 Bateman Bunning  
 Bereuter Burr

Roybal-Allard  
 Rush  
 Sabo  
 Sanders  
 Sawyer  
 Schroeder  
 Schumer  
 Scott  
 Sisisky  
 Skaggs  
 Skelton  
 Slaughter  
 Spratt  
 Stark  
 Stenholm  
 Stokes  
 Studds  
 Stupak  
 Tanner  
 Taylor (MS)  
 Tejada  
 Thompson  
 Thornton  
 Thurman  
 Torres  
 Torricelli  
 Towns  
 Traficant  
 Velazquez  
 Vento  
 Visclosky  
 Volkmer  
 Ward  
 Waters  
 Watt (NC)  
 Waxman  
 Wilson  
 Wise  
 Woolsey  
 Wyden  
 Wynn  
 Yates

NOT VOTING—26

Martinez Meek  
 Myers  
 Owens  
 Quillen  
 Quinn  
 Serrano  
 Williams

Collins (GA)  
 Combust  
 Cooley  
 Cox  
 Crane  
 Crapo  
 Cubin  
 Cunningham  
 Deal  
 DeLay  
 Diaz-Balart  
 Jones  
 Kasich  
 Kelly  
 Kim  
 King  
 Kingston  
 Klug  
 Knollenberg  
 Kolbe  
 LaHood  
 Largent  
 Latham  
 LaTourette  
 Ewing  
 Fawell  
 Fields (TX)  
 Flanagan  
 Foley  
 Forbes  
 Fowler  
 Fox  
 Franks (CT)  
 Franks (NJ)  
 Frelinghuysen  
 Frisa  
 Funderburk  
 Gallegly  
 Gekas  
 Gilchrest  
 Gillmor  
 Gilman  
 Gingrich  
 Goodlatte  
 Goodling  
 Goss  
 Graham  
 Greenwood  
 Gunderson  
 Gutknecht  
 Hancock  
 Hansen  
 Hastert  
 Hastings (WA)  
 Hayes  
 Hayworth  
 Hefley  
 Heineman  
 Herger  
 Hilleary  
 Hobson  
 Hoekstra  
 Hoke

NOES—186

Abercrombie  
 Andrews  
 Baesler  
 Baldacci  
 Barcia  
 Barrett (WI)  
 Becerra  
 Beilenson  
 Bentsen  
 Berman  
 Beville  
 Bishop  
 Bonior  
 Bono  
 Borski  
 Boucher  
 Browder  
 Brown (CA)  
 Brown (FL)  
 Brown (OH)  
 Cardin  
 Chabot  
 Clay  
 Clayton  
 Clement  
 Clyburn  
 Coleman  
 Collins (IL)  
 Collins (MI)  
 Condit  
 Costello  
 Coyne  
 Cramer  
 Cremeans  
 Danner

Horn  
 Hostettler  
 Houghton  
 Hunter  
 Hutchinsin  
 Hyde  
 Inglis  
 Istook  
 Johnson (CT)  
 Johnson, Sam  
 Jones  
 Kasich  
 Kelly  
 Kim  
 King  
 Kingston  
 Klug  
 Knollenberg  
 Kolbe  
 LaHood  
 Largent  
 Latham  
 LaTourette  
 Ewing  
 Fawell  
 Fields (TX)  
 Flanagan  
 Foley  
 Forbes  
 Fowler  
 Fox  
 Franks (CT)  
 Franks (NJ)  
 Frelinghuysen  
 Frisa  
 Funderburk  
 Gallegly  
 Gekas  
 Gilchrest  
 Gillmor  
 Gilman  
 Gingrich  
 Goodlatte  
 Goodling  
 Goss  
 Graham  
 Greenwood  
 Gunderson  
 Gutknecht  
 Hancock  
 Hansen  
 Hastert  
 Hastings (WA)  
 Hayes  
 Hayworth  
 Hefley  
 Heineman  
 Herger  
 Hilleary  
 Hobson  
 Hoekstra  
 Hoke

Davis  
 de la Garza  
 DeFazio  
 DeLauro  
 Dellums  
 Deutsch  
 Deutscher  
 Dingell  
 Dixon  
 Doggett  
 Dooley  
 Doyle  
 Durbin  
 Engel  
 Eshoo  
 Evans  
 Farr  
 Fattah  
 Brown (FL)  
 Fields (LA)  
 Flake  
 Foglietta  
 Frank (MA)  
 Frost  
 Furse  
 Ganske  
 Gejdenson  
 Gephardt  
 Geren  
 Gonzalez  
 Gordon  
 Green  
 Gutierrez  
 Hall (TX)  
 Hamilton

McHale  
 McKinney  
 McNulty  
 Meehan  
 Meek  
 Menendez  
 Mfume  
 Miller (CA)  
 Minge  
 Mink  
 Moakley  
 Mollohan  
 Montgomery  
 Moran  
 Morella  
 Murtha  
 Nadler  
 Neal  
 Oberstar  
 Obey  
 Olver  
 Ortiz  
 Orton  
 Pallone  
 Pastor  
 Payne (NJ)  
 Payne (VA)  
 Pelosi

NOT VOTING—24

Ackerman  
 Baker (LA)  
 Bryant (TX)  
 Callahan  
 Calvert  
 Chapman  
 Conyers  
 Edwards

□ 1728

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