

being available (rejected by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 873). **Pages H15306–07**

Points of order were sustained against the following motions:

The Obey motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing a new text that sought to provide ensured payment during fiscal year 1996 of veterans' benefits in the event of lack of appropriations for fiscal year 1996; to provide for a pay raise for fiscal year 1996 for the uniformed services; and to eliminate the disparity between effective dates for military and civilian retiree cost-of-living adjustments for fiscal year 1996. Agreed to the Livingston motion to table the Obey motion appealing the ruling of the Chair sustaining the point of order (agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 176 noes, Roll No. 872); and

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The Obey motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing a new text that sought to ensure payment during fiscal year 1996 of veterans' benefits in event of lack of appropriations for fiscal 1996; and to provide for pay for Federal and District of Columbia employees during lapse in appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

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H. Res. 317, the rule under which the joint resolution was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 238 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 871.

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**Recess:** House recessed at 12:05 a.m. on December 21 and reconvened at 12:10 a.m.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H15209.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H15238.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H15223–24, H15294–95, H15304–05, H15307, and H15307–08. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:11 a.m. on Thursday, December 21.

## Committee Meetings

### FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS—TO ENSURE PAYMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a recorded vote of 11 to 0, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.J. Res. 134, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may only include instructions if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hutchinson, Kennedy of Massachusetts and Moran.

### CONFERENCE REPORT—INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1655, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Combest and Representative Dicks.

### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted a rule waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence.

### RECESS AUTHORITY

*Committee on Rules:* Ordered reported a resolution authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair from December 23, 1995 through December 27, 1995.

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:* Met in executive session to consider pending business.

## Joint Meetings

### AUTHORIZATION—INTELLIGENCE

*Conferees* on Tuesday, December 19, agreed to file a conference report on H.R. 1655, to authorize funds for fiscal year 1996 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1490)*

S. 1060, to provide for the disclosure of lobbying activities to influence the Federal Government. Signed December 19, 1995. (P.L. 104-65)

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**BILLS VETOED**

H.R. 1058, to amend the Federal securities laws to curb certain abusive practices in private securities litigation. Vetoed December 19, 1995.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 21, 1995**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, business meeting, to consider pending committee business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

**House**

*Committee on Commerce*, to mark up H.R. 2036, Land Disposal Program Flexibility Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to mark up an authorization for fiscal year 1996 major medical construction projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.