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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I have been authorized by the minority party leadership on this side of the aisle to make such a request. When will someone be authorized on the majority side to make such a request?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is not a parliamentary inquiry at this point.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, in light of the previous vote, I ask unanimous consent to bring up House Joint Resolution 155, a clean continuing resolution that funds this Government as amended through January 26, supported by over 45 Members of this House, which will allow workers in the Federal Government to perform at their fullest services and to ensure that the Government is operating during the budget negotiations.

Mr. DREIER. Regular order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers and recorded on page 534 of the House Rules Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the gentlewoman's request until it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state it.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. The inquiry is, as my colleagues stated, when would we be able to hear from the other side?

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, regular order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is not a parliamentary inquiry.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISPOSITION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 134, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

Ms. PRYCE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-448) on the resolution (H. Res. 336) providing for the disposition of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 134) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

AUTHORIZING SPEAKER TO DECLARE RECESSES FROM JANUARY 5, 1996, THROUGH JANUARY 23, 1996, AND WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF CLAUSE 4(b) OF RULE XI WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 330 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 330

*Resolved*, That (a) the Speaker may declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair on the calendar days of Friday, January 5, 1996, through Tuesday, January 9, 1996. A recess declared pursuant to this subsection may not extend beyond the calendar day of Tuesday, January 9, 1996.

(b) The Speaker may declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair on the calendar days of Tuesday, January 9, 1996, through Friday, January 12, 1996. A recess declared pursuant to this subsection may not extend beyond the calendar day of Friday, January 12, 1996.

(c) The Speaker may declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair on the calendar days of Friday, January 12, 1996, through Tuesday, January 16, 1996. A recess declared pursuant to this subsection may not extend beyond the calendar day of Tuesday, January 16, 1996.

(d) The Speaker may declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair on the calendar days of Tuesday, January 16, 1996, through Friday, January 19, 1996. A recess declared pursuant to this subsection may not extend beyond the calendar day of Friday, January 19, 1996.

(e) The Speaker may declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair on the calendar days of Friday, January 19, 1996, through Tuesday, January 23, 1996. A recess declared pursuant to this subsection may not extend beyond the calendar day of Tuesday, January 23, 1996.

SEC. 2. The requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported from that committee before the calendar day of Wednesday, January 24, 1996, and providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures:

(1) A bill making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

(2) A bill or joint resolution that includes provisions making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

(3) A bill or joint resolution that includes provisions increasing or waiving (for a temporary period or otherwise) the public debt limit under section 3101(b) of title 31, United States Code, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

(4) A bill to provide for a balanced budget by 2002, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KINGSTON). The gentlewoman from

Ohio [Ms. PRYCE] is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Rules, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Ms. PRYCE asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material.)

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 330 is a two-part resolution. First, it allows the Speaker of the House to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair on the calendar days of Friday January 5, 1996, through Tuesday, January 9, 1996, and for 3-day periods thereafter until Tuesday, January 23, 1996.

Second, this resolution waives clause 4(b) of rule XI, which requires a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same-day it is reported from the Rules Committee, against certain resolutions reported by the Committee on Rules before calendar day Wednesday, January 24, 1996.

This resolution covers special rules that provide for the consideration or disposition of specific budget legislation, including fiscal year 1996 appropriations, continuing resolutions, public debt limit increases or waivers, and a 7-year balanced budget bill. The resolution also covers amendments, conference reports, or amendments reported in disagreement from a conference on such legislation.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is primarily focused on moving toward a speedy solution to the budget dilemma that confronts this body, by facilitating the same-day consideration of urgent budget legislation that will reopen the entire Federal Government or provide a new 7-year balanced budget plan. When Congress and the administration come to agreement on these issues, the House will be able to act immediately to end the budget crisis.

However, in the absence of legislative activity that moves us toward these goals, this resolution provides the Speaker the ability to declare recesses while the budget negotiations between our leadership and the White House continue.

By recessing rather than adjourning, the House will effectively be on standby, ready to return should the White House come to meet its responsibility and submit legislation, as promised, that achieves a balanced budget and puts the Government back into full operation.

Further, should the President do his duty and the House does return ready for action, these urgent budget measures can be considered under an expedited process.

Mr. Speaker, with this resolution, the House is not abdicating its responsibilities. In fact, the House has