



RICHARD A. SPRAGUE
... chief counsel resigns

House Backs Inquiry on JFK, King

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Assuaged by the last-minute resignation of the chief counsel of the inquiry, the House voted yesterday to continue its beleaguered investigation into the murders of President Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The vote, after nearly four hours of spirited and sometimes testy debate, was 230 to 181. By all accounts, the outcome might have been just the reverse if the chief counsel of the House Assassinations Committee, Richard A. Sprague, had not resigned around midnight in an effort to blunt the opposition.

In a short letter dictated from the offices of committee Chairman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) late Tuesday night, Sprague said he was quitting immediately "with the hope that the Congress can now proceed with the challenge of seeing that these investigations are pursued promptly."

The decision followed gloomy

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