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LB 452, 490
LR 3

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is not my intention to take that motion up at this time. I would like to leave it on the desk, but not to take it up at this time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question before you is, shall LR 3CA pass providing for a submission of such proposition at the next general election? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 2689-90 of the Legislative Journal.) 37 ayes, 6 nays, 1 present and not voting, 5 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LR 3CA passes. LB 490.

CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to return the bill for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Bromm to open on his motion.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President and colleagues. I told Senator Kristensen that my intent in filing this motion was not to harass the bill, but I do have some serious concerns and considerations that I would like to explore. The amendment that I have would postpone the operative date of the bill to January 1 of '98 instead of '96. Basically, some of the discussion that we had on General and Select File on the bill, cleaned up some of the problems I think that there were originally. However, I still have concerns about whether or not this bill is premature. If LR 3CA, we just voted on, would be approved by the voters, then there would be a need for a Tax Commission, such as we have here. This bill puts the commission in place, whether or not LR 3CA passes or not, and I guess some of the concerns I have are we have passed LB 452, which the Revenue Committee brought forward to change a number of the dates, the critical dates with regard to property and appealing your assessed values, and I think that will be a very positive change, which has not had a chance to work or be implemented at this point. The major point that I think helps in LB 452 is that the State Board of Equalization will do its work before property taxpayers are cut off from any chance to appeal. So if they would do something to your county that would raise your property above what you think is market value, you would have an