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earlier in the day and passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" on June 19.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Farnham.

Mr. FARNHAM: Mr. Speaker, I move that we recede and concur.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Farnham moves that the House recede and concur.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Berman.

Mr. BERMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: When I saw the good gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Farnham ready with his mike I sat down and gave him a chance to make his motion. Now all of us have to be realistic in this process. This matter was won fair and square here and some days ago it may have been won fair and square in the other body, but certain things have transpired. It is apparent that my bill can't go all the way. I would have liked to have been able to make the motion on this matter myself, but I want to call it to the attention of the House that this matter which has been quite close to me for many many months has no chance, so I will go along with the discipline of the House and the Legislature and I will agree with the motion of the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Farnham.

Thereupon, the House voted to recede and concur.

By unanimous consent ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The Following Communication:
(S. P. 544)

STATE OF MAINE
SENATE CHAMBER
AUGUSTA

June 26, 1969

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the 104th Legislature

Attached hereto is the Report of the Election Laws Revision Committee appointed by the 103rd Legislature.

Attached hereto is the Report of the Election Laws Revision Com-

mittee appointed by the 103rd Legislature.

Very truly yours

(Signed)

RICHARD N. BERRY

Chairman

REPORT OF THE ELECTION
LAWS REVISION COMMITTEE

The Election Laws Revision Committee was appointed pursuant to Joint Order Senate Paper 341 to consider various legislative proposals dealing with problems in the areas of recount procedures changing the date of the State Primary from June to September, promotion of machine balloting using punch card ballots, revision of voter registration procedures and related matters.

The Committee worked on the preparation of proposed legislation, in the above-mentioned matters, for submission to the regular session of the 104th Legislature; eight meetings were held.

(Signed)

RICHARD N. BERRY

Chairman

Came from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will call your attention to Supplement No. 9.

The following Resolve on its final passage and Bill on its passage to be enacted were taken up out of order by unanimous consent.

Constitutional Amendment

Failed of Final Passage

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Valuation of Certain Lands at Current Use (H. P. 878) (L. D. 1121)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eliot, Mr. Hichens.

Mr. HICHENS: Mr. Speaker, this being a Constitutional Amendment, a two-thirds vote is necessary and I do not believe we

have that many people here in the House tonight.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that there is a quorum and a sufficient number for this resolve to receive final passage.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to what amendment is now on this document before we take final action?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that it is Amended by Committee Amendment "A", filing number 512, and Senate Amendment "A" S-323.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: If my understanding is correct on the last Senate Amendment that was adopted on this bill, what it would do, it would only prolong the time limit that the municipalities may be able to collect additional monies that would be different from the time that the land was assessed and the actual value of the land when it was sold and I don't know that this is completely satisfactory to my kind of thinking because I can certainly see in some of the areas that this may not be the right procedure that we would want to change our Constitution, because after all this is a Constitutional change and should all the municipalities—and I understand the Maine Municipal Association has agreed that this might be a fairer way of doing it. Somehow or other I still have some reservations.

So, therefore, I am not going to make a motion that it be indefinitely postponed with the thought in mind that it might not receive two thirds tonight and we might have it again tomorrow morning where we may be able to have a second look at it. So, therefore, I ask the members that might have had some reservations not to vote in support of the Constitutional Amendment.

Thereupon, this being a Constitutional Amendment and a

two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 43 voted in favor of same and 71 against, and accordingly the Resolve failed of final passage and it was sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent ordered sent forthwith.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Provide for Full-time County Attorneys (S. P. 528) (L. D. 1610)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent ordered sent forthwith.

The SPEAKER: Supplement No. 7.

Conference Committee Report

Conference Committee Report on Bill "An Act Providing for Annual Revision of State Valuation" (H. P. 100) (L. D. 108) which was tabled earlier and later today assigned, pending acceptance.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgewater, Mr. Finemore.

Mr. FINEMORE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This has an amendment on it, the Conference Committee Amendment, and I believe it is under Filing 602 on L. D. 108. I just wish you would turn to page two on that, the second section in 291, where it says they will set up a "Municipal Valuation Appeals Board shall consist of 5 members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Executive Council," and so on. Then I would wish you would turn to page three under Compensation 293, it says, "Members of the board shall receive \$50 a day for their services for the time actually employed in the discharge of their official duties and shall also receive their traveling and other necessary expenses. The board may employ such part-time secretarial assistance as they deem necessary for the proper performance of records keeping pertaining to the evidence and records of appeals as filed with the board. There shall be made available in