

# Governor says reapportionment idea was 'for discussion' only

Governor Jay Hammond expressed surprise this week at a published report in an Anchorage newspaper which suggested he has made a formal reapportionment proposal for the make-up of the Alaska Legislature. The Governor's idea was described as to require candidates for the senate to live in the respective district originally established under the state constitution, and for each senator to be elected at-large by all Alaskan voters.

Hammond said he had presented the idea, contained in a letter outlining the

concept to former Governor William A. Egan in 1973, "for discussion purposes and to get members of the board thinking of this or other possible alternatives to implement the 'one man, one vote' rule without doing violence to the state constitution."

The Governor said he had favored the idea because it would allow the original senate districts under the constitution and also force some legislators to "place statewide concerns over those of special interests or areas."