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> KENNEBEC JOURNAL AUGUSTA, MAINE

Mr. Lund of Augusta was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have distributed to each legislator today a copy of Governor Curtis's letter to John Kelley, dated August 6, 1971. The letter, if you will look at it, is self-explanatory. Although I have frequently disagreed with the Governor on many issues, I have always respected his honesty and integrity.

It is becoming clear to me that the Governor is not going to perform his constitutional duty and his written promise in regard to the ballot reform measure. Conduct of this nature is, in my opinion, the reason why people are losing respect and faith in their government. Whether the form of the ballot should be changed is a debatable issue; whether the people have a right to vote on it on June 19, 1972, in accordance with the Constitution, is not.

I urge every legislator here, regardless of party, to do whatever

they think is proper to insure that the people's rights are not trampled.

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

Joint Order re additional member on Joint Standing Committee on State Government.
(S. P. 742) — In Senate passed

(S. P. 742) — In Senate, passed. Tabled — January 27, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — Passage in concurrence.

The Joint Order received passage in concurrence.

In accordance with the above Order, the Speaker appointed the following member to the Joint Standing Committee on State Government: Mr. Silverman of Calais.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Lincoln.

Adjourned until Monday, January 31, at three o'clock in the afternoon.