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The Bill TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on **UTILITIES** on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Berwick Sewer District" (Emergency)

H.P. 645 L.D. 919

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-97).

Which Report was $\mbox{\it READ}$ and $\mbox{\it ACCEPTED},$ in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

House Amendment "A" (H-97) $\mbox{\it READ}$ and $\mbox{\it ADOPTED},$ in concurrence.

The Bill as $\mbox{\it Amended}$, $\mbox{\it TOMORROW}$ ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate on the Record.

Senator MATTHEWS: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Before we go too much further into the Calendar today, I want to take a minute just to clarify and formerly apologize to members of this Body for some remarks that I made on Record on Thursday.

Obviously, everyone in this Chamber knows that I feel very strongly as those other members of this Senate also about this issue on both sides of L.D. 430. But, I meant no criticism, or no harm, or statements to the contrary about character against any member of this Body. This issue that we have debated at length is one which many of us feel has a great deal to do with our family and traditions here in this country, and I feel that way. But, it is also a tradition of this great state and country that we recognize differences. I, as a Democrat, recognize differences. I belong to a Party that very seldom seems to be organized because we allow debate, we allow differences of opinions. On L.D. 430 there are some substantial differences.

I want to formerly apologize to any member of this Body that took my remarks to be very negative against the character of any member of this Body. I still feel very strongly about this issue. I will do all in my power to continue to debate this issue, but I will do so recognizing that we have differences, differences between Democrats, differences between Republicans in this Body. And in the spirit of what the Senate is all about, I will try to realize that those differences are important, and dialogue is extremely essential. Please accept my apologies. Thank you Mr. President, men and women of the Senate.

Ought to Pass As Amended

The Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** on Bill "An Act to Require Insurance Coverage for Reconstructive Breast Surgery for Women Who Have Had Mastectomies"

H.P. 230 L.D. 321

Reported that the same $Ought\ to\ Pass\ as\ Amended$ by $Committee\ Amendment\ "A"\ (H-84)$.

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-84).

Which Report was $\mbox{\it READ}$ and $\mbox{\it ACCEPTED}\,,$ in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-84) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE on Bill "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination against Insureds over 65 Years of Age in Automobile Insurance Rates"

H.P. 497 L.D. 691

Reported that the same **Ought to Pass** as **Amended** by **Committee Amendment "A"** (H-85).

Comes from the House with the Report READ and ACCEPTED and the Bill PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-85).

Which Report was $\mbox{\it READ}$ and $\mbox{\it ACCEPTED}\,,$ in concurrence.

The Bill READ ONCE.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-85) **READ** and **ADOPTED**, in concurrence.

The Bill as Amended, TOMORROW ASSIGNED FOR SECOND READING.

The Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE on Bill
"An Act to Repeal the Restriction on Investments in
Loans Secured by First Mortgages on Real Estate by
State-chartered Credit Unions"

H.P. 601 L.D. 861

Reported that the same $Ought\ to\ Pass\ as\ Amended$ by $Committee\ Amendment\ "A"\ (H-83)$.