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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A "to H.P. 479, L.D. 630, Bill, "AN ACT
Creating the Monson Utilities District."

Amend said bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting
in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 10. Extensions. The district shall have the right to
determine whether extensions to its sewer system shall be made subject
to the authority of local and state health officials and the Water
Improvement Commission. It shall have the power to make assessments
for the cost of such extensions and charges for the use thereof. Sub-
ject to rules and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission, the
district shall have the right to make extensions to its water system.'

Further amend said bill by striking out all of section 13 and
inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 13. Collection of unpaid rates. There shall be a lien on
real estate served or benefited by the sewers or sewage treatment
facilities of the district to secure the payment of assessments estab-
lished pursuant to authority of section 11 or any other lawful authority
and also to payments due to the district for sewer rates, tolls, rents
and entrance charges established under section 24. Said lien shall take
precedence over all other claims on such real estate, excepting only
claims for taxes.'

Further amend said bill by striking out all of section 16 and
inserting in place thereof:

'Sec. 16. District and town authorized to make contracts. Said
district, through its trustees, is authorized to contract with persons
and corporations, including the Town of Monson, for the supply of water
and for the furnishing of sewerage and drainage facilities; and the

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said Town of Monson is authorized to contract with it for the supply of water for municipal purposes and for the use of its facilities for the discharge of sewage and for the drainage of surface and other waters.'

Further amend said bill by striking out all of section 24 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 24. Rates; application of revenue; sinking fund. All individuals, firms and corporations, whether private, public or municipal, shall pay to the treasurer of said district the rates and assessments established by said trustees to pay for the cost of the works and for the service used by them; and said rates shall not be discriminatory within the territory supplied by the district. Water rates shall be subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission. Said rates shall be so established as to provide revenue for the following purposes:

1. To pay the current expenses for operating and maintaining the water and sewerage systems respectively;
2. To provide the payment of the interest on the indebtedness created or assumed by the district with respect to each of said systems;
3. With respect to each of said systems, to provide each year a sum equal to not less than 1% of the entire indebtedness created or assumed by the district, which sum shall be turned into the sinking fund to provide for the extinguishment of said indebtedness or used directly therefor. Provided, however, that the trustees may, in their discretion, and in lieu of the establishment of a sinking fund, issue the bonds of the district so that not less than 1% of the amount of the

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bonds so issued shall mature and be retired each year, in which case the appropriate rate may be established to pay for the same;

4. If any surplus remains at the end of the year, it may be turned into the sinking fund;

5. The trustees, on written application stating the grounds therefor, may make such reasonable abatements as they think proper for any sewer rates or assessments.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to further clarify the original bill.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

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