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House of Representatives, April 9, 1937.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, in Favor of Henry E. Redmond, of Solon.**

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**Henry E. Redmond; compensated. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, the sum of \$200 to be paid to Henry E. Redmond, of Solon, as a full and final settlement for all claims against the state from loss of revenue on account of being arrested by a deputy game warden and being obliged to be absent from his trap line for a long period of time; said sum to be paid from the funds of the department of inland fisheries and game.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

In Dec. 1934, Spencer Tract in Township 3, Range 5 was opened by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game for the trapping of beaver at the request of the owners of said Spencer Tract. With the exception of 1 or 2 years this tract had been open for the trapping of beaver every year for a period of at least 25 years. In December, 1935, Henry E. Redmond was notified by the owners of the land that the tract was open for the trapping of beaver, and Mr. Redmond, as usual, went to his camp on this tract where he had been trapping with the consent of the owners of the land for more than 25 years during the trapping seasons, and set traps for beaver and fur bearing animals. Due to an error in publishing the notice of opening the land, the notice for publication read "Township 3, Range 3" instead of "Township 3, Range 5", but the name Spencer Tract was published in the notice, and this is the only Spencer Tract in that section of Maine.

On Dec. 7, 1935, Mr. Redmond was arrested for illegal trapping by deputy game warden Elwin Robinson, of Bingham, who took up 23 of Mr. Redmond's traps which he had set for beaver, forced to walk 16 the next day to The Forks where he was met by warden Robinson and taken to Bingham for trial. No trial was held at Bingham on that date and Mr. Redmond was taken to his home at Solon by Warden Robinson and notified to be prepared for trial on the following Monday, which was Dec. 9th. On Sunday, Dec. 8th, Warden Robinson notified Mr. Redmond that there were no charges against him and that he could return to his trap line. Mr. Redmond was then 73 years of age, and due to his long walk was in such condition that he was unable to return to his trap line for 10 days. When he did return he found due to neglect of the traps he had lost an otter and a wild cat, and traps had been set by other trappers in places where his traps had been previously set.

Due to these circumstances he was unable to trap in that section any more during the trapping season.