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House of Representatives, March 17, 1915. Reported by Mr. Gerrish from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed under joint rules. C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE to provide for screening the outlet of Schoodic lake in Piscataquis county.

Resolved, that the sum of three hundred dollars be and is 2 hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and 3 fifteen, for the purpose of screening the outlet of Schoodic 4 lake, in Piscataquis county, to be expended under the direc-5 tion of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game 6 when the balance necessary to erect said screen, as found 7 by said Commissioners, shall have been raised by the citi-8 zens of Piscataquis county and paid to the Treasurer of 9 State for this purpose.

Provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be 11 available until the town of Brownville shall have, in legal 12 town meeting, and having an article in the warrant for said

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13 town meeting for that purpose, by vote of record, voted to 14 assume all liability for the keeping of said screen in repair 15 and at all times free from sticks, leaves and all debris, so 16 that the same will not become clogged and prevent the free 17 running of the water through the same, and provided, fur-18 ther, that this appropriation shall not be available unless 19 said screen is completed by December thirty-first, nineteen 20 hundred and fifteen.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Schoodic lake, in Number Four Township, has an area of nearly eleven square miles.

It is a cold-watered, spring-fed lake and enjoys the somewhat unique distinction of being entirely surrounded by railway lines. The Canadian Pacific and the Bangor & Aroostook lines, together, form a triangle, in the center of which lies Schoodic lake, and the waters whereof are visible from practically every point on the lines forming the triangle. The lake has long been known, locally, as a popular resort, and the government has from time to time, in the past, attempted to stock the lake with salmon fry. The outlet being open, however, the fish as soon as they attain any size find the outlet and go out, never returning, so that it is now almost unheard of to take a salmon in the lake, and it is understood that the government has taken the position that, except and unless the outlet was screened, it was useless to attempt to stock the lake. Hence, this request.