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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 911

S. P. 715

In Senate, April 3, 1935.

Tabled by Senator McDonald of Washington pending acceptance of either report and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

NEW DRAFT OF H. P. 216—L. D. 189

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Permit National Forests in Maine.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Acquisition of national forests permitted. Subject to the provisions of the act of congress of March 1, 1911, 36 statutes 961, known as the Weeks act, and acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, the consent of the state of Maine is hereby given for the United States to acquire by purchase upon the payment of adequate compensation not exceeding 300,000 acres of land within the counties of Hancock and Washington and that part of Penobscot county easterly of the Penobscot and Mattawankeag rivers, and not exceeding 300,000 acres of land in that part of Aroostook county which lies south of the following line, to wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of Township seven, Range five in Aroostook county, and running thence easterly along the north line of said township and the continuation thereof easterly to the east line of Aroostook county or international boundary line, and such lands within that portion of Oxford county now included or within 5 miles of the purchase unit boundaries of the White Mountain National Forest, all in the state of Maine as are suitable for national forest purposes, and not over 2,000 acres in Cumberland county, in said state, for preserves for the protection

and conservation of migratory birds; but no such acquisition shall be made against the protest of any owner.

Sec. 2. Limitations. The provisions of chapter 123 of the private and special laws of 1933 shall not apply to any lands acquired under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. Jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of this state, both civil and criminal, over persons upon any lands acquired under the provisions of this act shall not be affected or changed by the permanent reservation and administration of such lands as national forest lands, except so far as the punishment of offenses against the United States is concerned; the intent and meaning of this section being that this state shall not by reason of such reservation and administration lose its jurisdiction, nor the inhabitants thereof their rights and privileges as citizens, nor be absolved from their duties as citizens of this state.