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**Legislative Document**

**No. 795**

S. P. 375

In Senate, February 14, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and sent down for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Miss Laughlin of Cumberland.

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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-NINE

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**RESOLVE, Relating to the Appointment of a Committee to Investigate  
Maine Coast Fisheries, Incorporated, and Fishermen's Relief Corporation**

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**Relating to appointment of a committee to investigate Maine Coast Fisheries, Incorporated, and Fishermen's Relief Corporation. Resolved:** That a joint select committee consisting of 2 members on the part of the senate, to be appointed by the president of the senate, and 3 members on the part of the house, to be appointed by the speaker of the house, be appointed to investigate thoroughly all the affairs of Maine Coast Fisheries, Incorporated, and all the affairs of Fishermen's Relief Corporation. Said committee may employ counsel, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, documents, records and other evidences, and may administer oaths to witnesses and punish for contempt. Said committee shall report its findings to the 90th legislature and suggest such legislation as it shall deem advisable; shall make interim reports to the governor and council and if fraud in the operations of these Maine corporations be uncovered, prosecution of those guilty of fraud be instituted; and if it be held that the fact that the funds granted to these corporations were federal funds prevents action by state authorities, that then the Federal Department of Justice be requested to take action.

The compensation of the members of said committee shall be \$10 per day for each day actually spent in such investigation, and said compensa-

tion and the expenses incurred by said committee in the discharge of its duties shall be paid from the general funds of the state upon approval by the governor and council.