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## Resolution 1965-21-26 Return to States' Jurisdiction of Ceded Lands

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Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners respectfully requests the Secretary of the Interior to adopt the following recommendations relative to the programs of channelization, water salvage and water development on the Lower Colorado river:

1. The Secretary direct an immediate reconsideration and re-evaluation of all channelization and water salvage projects not already under construction on the Lower Colorado river, so as to achieve a comprehensive and balanced development of the total water and land resources of the Lower Colorado river.
2. Subject to the findings of these studies, that the Department of the Interior reconstitute the channelization and an anticipated phreatophyte control program on the Lower Colorado river to provide for optimum multiple purposes development, including fish, wildlife and recreation as primary purposes, and to make these programs as consistent as possible with the Lower Colorado river Land Use Plan already approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
3. Through invitation of the Secretary of Interior and cooperation of the states involved, that there be established a task force to advise and consult with the Department of Interior with respect to the replanning of the channelization and water programs. The task force's recommendations would be made to the Secretary of Interior.
4. The Colorado river front works and levee system be reauthorized to give it a broader resource development objective.
5. That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Interior, Governors of the Colorado river basin states and the congressional delegations of the Lower Colorado river basin states.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 19**

##### **SUPPORTING FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ACT OF 1965**

Whereas, private farm lands always have provided most of the nation's small upland game hunting and will continue as the principal producers of upland game; and

Whereas, surplus croplands retired from agricultural production offer great potential for small game production and public hunting, fishing, and other forms of outdoor recreation if specifically managed for these purposes, and

Whereas, the Food and Agricultural Act of 1965 provides incentive payments to landowners who allow public access to their land for outdoor recreation pursuits and will divert acres previously used for surplus production to a beneficial use rather than non-use,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses the Cropland Adjustment provisions of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 and fully supports those provisions in Title VI of the Bill which:

1. Provide incentive payments to landowners who open their farms to public recreational use.
2. Permit the Secretary to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with state conservation agencies to assist in implementing the wildlife and recreation program.
3. Create a Wildlife and Recreation Advisory Board to assist the Secretary in promulgating regulations governing public use of retired land, as specified in the Senate version.

Be it further resolved that the House and Senate Conferees be immediately notified of the contents of this resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 20**

##### **FIREARMS LEGISLATION**

Whereas, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners has, by resolution, previously expressed its concern over anti-firearms legislation which would impose unreasonable regulations on firearms acquired and used by sportsmen; and

Whereas, this year legislation has been introduced in the U. S. Congress which would deny to all sportsmen the right to purchase or acquire any firearm in interstate commerce; and

Whereas, this proposed legislation, S. 1592 by Senator Dodd, has been supported before the Senate Sub-Committee on Juvenile Delinquency by its sponsor and by powerful government agencies who openly view with alarm the "ready availability of firearms" in the United States; and

Whereas, the sport of hunting and, through hunting, the conservation of wildlife is dependent on the ready availability of rifles and shotguns to American sportsmen, and

Whereas, reasonable legislation to control the acquisition of pistols and revolvers by juveniles, felons and mentally incompetent persons has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Hickenlooper and in the House of Representatives by Congressman Cecil King.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that we reaffirm the position of this Association as expressed in our Resolution No. 17 of 1964 and our disapproval of S. 1592, however it may be amended, because the philosophy of this bill is to promote the unavailability of all firearms rather than to selectively limit the acquisition of firearms by felons, juveniles or incompetents as does the King-Hickenlooper bill.

Be it further resolved that copies of this Resolution be sent to all members of the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate and all members of the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 21**

##### **RETURN TO STATES' JURISDICTION OF CEDED LANDS**

Whereas, many states have within their borders federal lands over some of which the states have ceded legislative jurisdiction to the Congress of the United States, and

Whereas, in many cases such federal jurisdiction is unnecessary, unwieldy and sometimes undesirable to the United States, and

Whereas, such federal jurisdiction prevents the states from carrying out many responsibilities which they can administer more efficiently and effectively than the federal government,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges passage of Senate Bill 1007 which contains provisions that will return to the states exclusive jurisdiction now held by the federal government where federal jurisdiction is no longer needed.