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Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution should be sent to all state legislatures, to the Senate Committee on Commerce, to the House Ways and Means Committee, and to the House Committee on Inter-state and Foreign Commerce.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

OPPOSITION TO TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY ACTION

Whereas, the Tennessee Valley Authority is engaged in a plan to develop the so-called "Between the Rivers Recreational Project" in Kentucky, and in that process has taken over the 65,000 acre Kentucky Woodlands National Refuge and proposes to manage the wildlife thereon; and

Whereas, the Kentucky Woodlands National Wildlife Refuge has been developed over many years by an agency of the federal government eminently qualified and lawfully authorized to conserve and manage wildlife; and

Whereas, there is very serious doubt about both the qualifications and the lawful authority of Tennessee Valley Authority to enter into and engage in the management of wildlife on the pretext that it is in the public interest for Tennessee Valley Authority to "demonstrate" how this can best be done; and

Whereas, this unwarranted intrusion into a field in which a qualified and lawful entity of the federal government is already engaged, is also a violation of state rights to manage non-migratory wildlife,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that we protest this action by the Tennessee Valley Authority and call upon the President and the Congress of the United States to rectify this situation at the earliest possible opportunity.

RESOLUTION NO. 19

APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES TO ROSS L. LEFFLER

Whereas, Ross L. Leffler of New Florence, Pennsylvania, formerly Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Department of the Interior and Chairman of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, has given unselfishly of his time and energies over many years for the cause of conservation and has thereby made substantial contributions to conservation progress; and

Whereas, he recently was stricken by an illness which prevented his attendance at this 54th annual convention and participation as the organization's General Counsel;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners hereby instructs its Secretary to convey to Ross L. Leffler this expression of gratitude for his past efforts and to wish him rapid and successful recovery.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

APPRECIATION OF COURTESIES

Whereas, the 54th annual convention of this organization has been memorable and outstanding; and

Whereas, in large part the success of this convention has been due to the excellence of arrangements and high quality of presentations;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners hereby extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Governor Richard J. Hughes, Conservation Commissioner Robert A. Roe, personnel of the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development, citizens of Atlantic City, the management of the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Hotel, and others for the many courtesies and favors which contributed so much to the convention; and

Be it further resolved that thanks also be directed to all of those who appeared on the program, thereby making this convention profitable as well as enjoyable.
