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In view of the indicated willingness of the National Conference on Outdoor Recreation to apply this or a similar plan to an expanded program to include all phases of outdoor life through the various organizations constituting its member bodies, Resolved,

That this organization lend its assistance and co-operation to the National Conference in its efforts to attain the larger objective, rather than to attempt an independent movement embracing wild animal life only.

Tariff on Game Birds.

This Association wishes to record its vigorous protest against that unjust and unreasonable provision of the existing National Tariff Act which requires the payment of a duty on game birds imported for stocking purposes by state game commissioners for the benefit of the public, and

The officers of the Association are hereby empowered and directed to use all proper means through the President of the United States, The United States Tariff Commission, and Congress as may be necessary to secure such modification of Paragraph No. 711 of the Tariff Act as will permit the importation of game birds for stocking purposes free of duty.

Also that every effort be made by said officers on behalf of this Association to secure a refund of such sums as have been paid the Government in duties by the various state game departments.

Conflict of State and Federal Laws.

Since in a number of instances the state laws which give protection to our non-game birds are found to be in conflict with the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Treaty with Canada, therefore,

Be it resolved that this Association go on record as approving state legislation which will automatically bring such statutes into conformity with the Treaty requirements, particularly in view of the fact that where any migratory bird protected thereby becomes especially destructive, the Federal regulations provide ample measures for relief.

Education of the Youth.

Realizing that legal enactments and law enforcement alone will not solve the problems of wild life conservation, therefore,

Be it resolved that this Association express its hearty endorsement of such sane and well considered efforts as are being made in the way of educating the youth of our land along these lines, particularly by some of the State Game Commissioners and Sportsmen's organizations, and,

Be it further resolved by this Association that it recommend to all our Game Commissions and Sportsmen's organizations the desirability of instituting and carrying forward some well formulated educational program in the interest of wild life conservation.

Migratory Bird Refuge Bill.

It is obvious that the United States, in order to fully meet its obligations in the protection and preservation of migratory wild fowl assumed by International Treaty, and that the Sportsmen of America may continue in the future to enjoy the recreation of waterfowl shooting to some reasonable extent, that all avail-