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ference with the Officers of the Western Association of State Game Commissioners, in accepting in principle the amendments to the Federal Game Refuge Bill offered by Commissioner D. H. Madsen, of Utah, is hereby approved by this Convention;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Western Association of State Game Commissioners, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners; the American Game Protective Association; the National Association of Audubon Societies and the Izaak Walton League, are requested each to appoint one member of a Committee of five for the preparation and the submission to Congress of the bill in accordance with this Resolution.

The Resolutions Committee present to you this statement and resolution for your consideration.

Mr. LeCompte: I move the adoption of the resolution.

Judge Miles: I second the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Adams: I would like, through you, Mr. President, to ask Mr. Dilg a question: whether he will support the resolution for co-operation in regard to the Game Refuge Bill?

Mr. Dilg: I would like to have you, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Pearson, explain definitely and accurately what you expect the Izaak Walton League to do. My mind was a little diverted and I am not specific as to what that contains.

Mr. Kelly: I rise to a point of order. The resolution has been adopted and it very clearly states that the whole matter is to be left to a committee to be appointed in due form, and I submit that the introduction of any matters that might be of a personal nature is out of order. It seems to me that we have a clear course; that we have at least reached something toward which we can work, and any effort to commit any member of any organization to a policy that is certain to bring about future changes or amendments would seem to me to be unwise. I hope that our good questioner will abandon his suggestion.

President Harkin: I agree with Mr. Kelly that it is undesirable to introduce a discussion on this subject, and I would ask Mr. Adams to withdraw his question. Now that it has been decided to have a committee, no good purpose can be served by having a discussion of this kind at this time. We have threshed out the general question, and as I understand it, it is not a question of what Mr. Dilg thinks personally; it is a question of what the Izaak Walton League through its executive shall decide. I think we should proceed with the resolutions.

Dr. Pearson: There is a resolution here which was handed to the committee late, and there has been no opportunity for the Chairman to present it to the whole committee. Considering the nature of it, however, and the source from which it comes, I feel I should present the matter to you. The resolution, which is offered by Mr. Carpenter, is as follows:

WHEREAS, these United States are composed of such "magnificent distances" and there is such a very great diversity of conditions affecting the conservation of the desirable wild life therein, and a very outstanding lack of uniformity in the laws of the various states pertaining to the conservation of said desirable wild life, and

WHEREAS, there has long been and at present is a feeling

that there is need for a closer contact between the various sections of this country and for the opportunity for the various sections to take a more direct and active part in formulating plans and programs for national as well as regional conservation of our wild life, Now, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled in Denver, Colorado, August 20th and 21st, 1925, favors taking such steps, at the earliest practicable date, as will bring about the closer contact and the opportunity for more general participation in the formulation of national and sectional conservation programs, as suggested above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this can be best accomplished by organizing somewhat after the following plan:

First: That the states of the United States be organized into four groups as follows:

Western Group—Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada;

Central Group—North and South Dakotas, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas, Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Missouri;

Eastern Group—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland;

Southern Group—North and South Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee.

Second: That annual conferences be had in these four groups, representation in which shall include delegates from fish and game departments, sportsmen's state organizations, forest service district units, and state units of all organized conservation agencies within the various states of the respective groups; that the purpose of these group conferences shall be to formulate a general wild life conservation program for the group area and to adopt recommendations for the application of nation-wide conservation activities to such areas; that such programs and statements of recommendations from the four groups shall be submitted to the proper committees of the National Conference on Outdoor Recreation, which committee shall, with the aid of such representatives of national conservation agencies as the members of said committee may see fit to invite to their aid, and using these programs and recommendations as a basis, formulate a national program of wild life conservation.

Third: That greater assurance for the success of this plan may be given, an active group manager or director shall be selected, who shall receive adequate salary and expenses, and whose duty it shall be to arrange for the annual group conferences and to prepare in detail the statements of program and recommendations promulgated and adopted by the group conferences and submit same to the national body suggested; to supervise the carrying out of the group program and perform such other duties as may be for the best interest of the group area.

Fourth: That Carlos Avery be named chairman of a committee to work out the further details of this organization plan and put said plan into operation at as early a date as may be practicable to do so, Mr. Avery being authorized to select the other members of the committee to the number he may see fit.

As Chairman of the Resolutions Committee I therefore submit to you this resolution without recommendation.

Colonel Woods: I move the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Quinn: I second the motion.

Mr. Kelly: I think we are all heartily in favor of this group system and the development of a uniform program throughout the various states, but I am not quite sure that it might not be better to let the working out of it rest with the executive. I do not object to the suggestions made; I think they are very able and that the general plan is a good one. But as to carrying it out, why not leave the matter of the development of further suggestions to come from the executive committee of this body?

Colonel Woods: I accept that.

President Harkin: With the consent of Colonel Woods and Mr. Quinn, it is moved that this resolution be changed to refer the suggestion to the Executive Committee of the International Association instead of personally to Mr. Avery. With that change, what is the view of the meeting?

The resolution was carried as amended.

President Harkin: I will now call on the Chairman of the Nominations Committee.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Legge: As Chairman of the Committee I beg to submit to this honorable body the recommendation of the committee that the following named gentlemen act as officers of the Association for the ensuing year:

President, E. Lee LeCompte, Baltimore, Md.
First Vice President, Frederic C. Walcott, Norfolk, Conn.
Second Vice President, I. T. Quinn, Montgomery, Ala.
Secretary-Treasurer, R. P. Holland, New York
General Counsel, Guy Amsler, Little Rock, Ark.

Executive Committee:

J. B. Harkin, Ottawa, Canada.
David H. Madsen, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Seth E. Gordon, Harrisburg, Pa.
W. J. Stratton, Springfield, Ill.
Frank M. Newbert, Sacramento, Cal.

On motion of Mr. Burnham, seconded by Colonel Woods, the report of the Nominations Committee was unanimously adopted and those named therein declared elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year.

The report of the Auditing Committee was presented by Colonel Woods as follows:

"Your committee have very carefully examined the books submitted by the Treasurer and find that the figures submitted to the Auditing Committee are perfectly in order. The balance on hand as reported in the Treasurer's statement, \$780.04, your Committee find to be correct."

On motion of Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, seconded by Dr. Waggoner, the report of the Auditing Committee was accepted.

At the request of retiring President Harkin, Mr. Holland acted as a committee to escort the newly elected President to the chair.

Retiring President Harkin: I have much pleasure, Mr. LeCompte, in handing over to you the presidency of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners for the ensuing year. Your election was unanimous, and I am sure I express the feeling of every person here when I