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RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Senate and House Committees before which the bill is pending, and also to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior.

In order to get it before the convention, I move the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Sellers: I second the motion.

(The motion was put and carried unanimously.)

Colonel Wallace: Here is our second resolution. It does not commit anybody to anything, but it is going to lodge this idea in everybody's minds, if you do pass this resolution:

RESOLVED, That we recommend that when practicable and in the opinion of the Commissioner such action is necessary to the preservation of any particular species, that the bag limits on game and fish, also the open seasons, be reduced. (Applause.)

I move that that resolution be adopted.

Mr. Phillips: I second that motion.

(The motion was put and unanimously carried.)

Mr. Wallace: Here is our third resolution:

"We, the members of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, desire to express our deep appreciation of the unbounded hospitality and many courtesies extended by the citizens of Allentown during our convention.

"We wish to acknowledge special obligation to the Mayor and other city officials for their courtesies; to the Chamber of Commerce for delightful entertainment furnished; to Gen. Henry C. Trexler, and Messrs. Harry A. Grammes, J. Frank Grammes and Chas. W. Grammes and Geo. H. Hardner and their associates for their generous and lavish hospitality; to the members of the State Game and Fish Commission for their courtesies, and to the Allentown press for the exceptionally full, intelligent and serious manner in which the proceedings of our convention have been reported and published."

I move we adopt the resolution.

Mr. Phillips: I second the motion.

(The motion was put and passed unanimously.)

Mr. Hart: Mr. President, I would like to offer a resolution from the floor:

"WHEREAS, The officers and field inspectors of the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries are constantly rendering valuable services to the various State Game and Fish Departments, and

"WHEREAS, In their field work it is often necessary that they hide their identity and are forced to purchase hunting and fishing licenses or be guilty of breaking the State law,

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Association that the accredited representatives of the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries should not be required to take out

State hunting and fishing licenses by any State Government, and that the members of this Association use their best endeavors to have State laws passed extending such privileges.”

I would like to say, Mr. President, that Virginia is greatly indebted to the Bureau of Biological Survey, and the Bureau of Fisheries, and, unfortunately, under our laws, we are not allowed to issue a single license to any person unless he pays for it. Now, these men connected with the various departments of our Government, render us great assistance. There is not a Commissioner in this room, if he needed some expert advice on some difficult situation in his State, which he could not solve for himself, who would not appeal to the Bureau of Biological Survey, if the matter concerned game, or to the Bureau of Fisheries if it concerned fish. It seems to me that when we require these men who live in Washington to pay a hunting and fishing license, it is just as if we invited them to our homes and set a table for a very big feast, and then when it came time to eat, told them to go back home, and would not give them anything to eat.

President Barber: Did you move the adoption of the resolution?

Mr. Hart: I move the adoption of it.

(The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.)

President Barber: The next is the report of the Committee on Nominations. Is that committee ready to report?

Mr. Adams: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The Committee on Nominations begs to report as follows:

President—Honore Mercier, Quebec, Canada.

Vice-Presidents—John H. Wallace, Jr., Montgomery, Ala.; William C. Adams, Boston, Mass; Lee Miles, Little Rock, Ark.

Secretary—R. P. Holland, New York City.

Treasurer—Alva Clapp, Pratt, Kansas.

General Counsel—Joseph H. Acklen, Nashville, Tenn.

Executive Committee—Carlos Avery, Minnesota; John M. Crampton, Connecticut; M. L. Alexander, Louisiana; F. Nash Bilisoly, Richmond, Va.

President Barber: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Committee on Nominations. What action do you wish taken?

Mr. Alexander: I move the adoption of the report as read.

Mr. LeCompte: I second the motion.

(The motion was put and carried unanimously.)

President Barber: Committee on Time and Place.

Mr. Clapp: Mr. Chairman, your Committee on Time and Place is unable to report fully. We understand the place has been selected as Madison, Wisconsin. It will be necessary to confer with the fisheries end to see just when the time will be. You will all have ample notice. That will be done by mail. A proper and satisfactory date will be arrived at, and you will all receive proper notice of the time that the meeting will be held.