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Resolved, That it is the sense of this association in convention assembled, that the congress be asked to increase the appropriation for the enforcement of the federal migratory bird treaty act, to not less than \$500,000.00 annually, and that the state game commissioners here present individually press this matter with their respective senators and representatives in congress; be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the secretary of agriculture, to the chairman of the agricultural committees of the house and senate, and to the Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge and the Hon. J. W. Mondell, Washington, D. C.

Whereas, The assembling of accurate statistics and information as to the relative abundance of wild animals in various localities and as to the approximate number of each species in the country, as a basis for the formation of policies concerning the same and as a guide to the enactment of protective laws; it is hereby

Resolved, That this association urges the importance of the enactment of laws in the several states for a uniform system of ascertaining the abundance of various species of wild animals, and to this end commends the enactment of such laws as have been placed upon the statute books of Wisconsin, New York and Minnesota, requiring reports from all persons, securing licenses to take wild animals of any species of the number of animals so taken.

Resolved, That a committee be raised consisting of five members to be appointed by the president, which committee shall inquire to and report from time to time:

First—What species of migratory birds pass through or from the United States and temporarily sojourn in the republics of Mexico, Central and South America.

Second—To what extent such birds migrate.

Third—To what extent, if any, such birds are killed in such republics.

Fourth—What game laws are in force, if any, in such republics.

Fifth—What common good, if any can be achieved by the negotiation of treaties or conventions between the United States and such republics for the protection of such migratory birds as migrate between the United States and such countries?

Resolved, Whereas, Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the Board of Game and Fish Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, an honored member of this association and the pioneer of this country in the establishment of state game refuges and a leader in securing the passage of model game and fish laws, and likewise, their enforcement; and

Whereas, Dr. Kalbfus has departed this life since the last meeting of this convention; now therefore, be it.

Resolved, by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, That in his death this association has lost a wise leader and an able counselor, and its members a true and faithful friend.

Resolved further, That the secretary be, and is hereby, directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the deceased's family, together with our sincere condolences over their irreparable loss, and also to the Board of Game and Fish Commissioners of Pennsylvania, and likewise to the sportsmen's papers throughout the country.

Resolved, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners inaugurated and put into effect a system providing for the exchange of such bulletins and publications as they may, from time to time, issue to their wardens as well as such educational matters as may be issued by their respective bureaus or departments.

Whereas, It comes to the notice of this association that the state of Washington has established a school of fisheries, an undertaking which has promise of inestimable economic meaning, nation-wide, and which coincidentally is the fruition of hope long felt for the establishment of such institutions by this association; therefore, be it

Resolved, That hearty congratulations and thanks be hereby extended to the faculty of the University of Washington state for bridging this chasm of long-felt want, with expression of hope for the complete success in the enterprise.

Whereas, It comes to the notice of this association that Cornell University of New York state has established a school of fisheries and a class for game propagation, undertakings which have promise of inestimable economic meaning, nation-wide, and which coincidentally is the fruition of hope long felt for the establishment of such institutions by this association; therefore, be it

Resolved, That hearty congratulations and thanks are hereby extended to the faculty of Cornell university of New York state, for bridging this chasm of long-felt want, with expression of sincere hope for complete success in the enterprise.

Whereas, The administration of the Hon. J. Quincy Ward, as president of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners has been able and efficient, and of permanent good to the interests of conservation throughout the American contingent, and

Whereas, Mr. Ward has labored long and zealously for the conservation of the natural wealth of this continent; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, That we view the accomplishment of his administration as president with pride and satisfaction and that we endorse his administration as having been one of the ablest since its organization.

The president announced the appointment of the following committee provided for by the resolution to investigate as to the migration of birds from the United States to Mexico, Central and South America:

John H. Wallace, Jr., Alabama, chairman; Carlos Avery, Minnesota; E. Lee LeCompte, Maryland; T. Gilbert Pearson, New York; Dr. E. H. Forbush, Massachusetts.

The convention adjourned, sine die.