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**Mr. Garfield:** Yes, I would like to have it offered.

Whereupon the following resolution was read:

(Help for Alaska)

9. Resolved, That as a result of the clear presentation of the case of Alaska with regard to its fisheries and game as given us by Mr. Charles D. Garfield, of Juneau, this Association favors the appropriation by Congress of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for game protection, and for the purpose of the propagation and the maintenance of the food-fish supply of Alaska the sum of \$200,000.00 and the appointment of a resident Commissioner of Fish and Game, clothed with full authority to enforce the laws and regulations in reference to these subjects; and that this Association pledges its hearty co-operation in all worthy measures looking for the betterment of fish and game conditions in Alaska.

**The President, Mr. Alexander:** You have heard the resolution. Is there a second to it?

(Whereupon the motion for the passage of the resolution was duly put and unanimously carried.)

**The President, Mr. Alexander:** Is there any further resolutions?

**Mr. Graham:** Mr. Chairman, there was a resolution adopted by the Fisheries Society in regard to the asking of the federal administration to let the line and twine manufacturers have material to carry on the work of manufacturing nets and lines for catching fish, and this resolution has been mislaid somewhere. Neither Mr. Holmes nor Mr. Woods seem to be able to find it.

**The President, Mr. Alexander:** The substance of the resolution adopted by the American Fisheries Society was simply this, that the people engaged in the manufacture of twine, which is necessary for the making of fish nets and tackle for the catching of fish, are hampered somewhat by not being able to get their material, and the resolution set forth that the industry in itself was so important in the manufacture of nets, because fish could not be caught without nets, and fish were so necessary at this time in support of the conservation of the food problem of the United States, that they should be petitioned to take recognition of that fact and allow them to get the material which was necessary. If this Association desires to adopt the resolution as suggested by Mr. Graham, and as explained by myself, I think they can do so safely and copy it from the records of the fisheries society.

**Mr. Garfield:** Mr. President, I move the adoption of the resolution.

(Whereupon the motion was duly put, seconded, and unanimously carried.)

(The exact text of the resolution, as taken from the records of the American Fisheries Society, is as follows:)

COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONERS, NEW YORK CITY—September 12-13, 1918.

Whereas, The Food Administration is urging an increased consumption of fish food to help save our meat supply for feeding our army and allies, and

Whereas, It is reported that there is a threatened shortage of materials among the industries supporting the fisheries, and

Whereas, It is the sense of this meeting that the proper maintenance of the fisheries is a question of national and vital importance,

Therefore, Resolved, That we recommend to the War Industries Board the careful consideration of the industries supporting the fisheries, that they may be placed in a position where they can produce the articles necessary to the fisheries in ample quantities for our national needs, and

Resolved, That to this end we urge the proper government authorities to grant such priority ratings, and assure such supplies of raw materials, fuel and labor, as may be necessary to assure the nation of an uninterrupted and sufficient supply of materials for the fisheries, and

Resolved, Further, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the War Industries Board and that it be made a part of the records of this Convention.

**The President, Mr. Alexander:** The next committee to report, and the final committee, is the committee on nominations. Mr. Graham, of the committee on nominations, is called upon for a report.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

**By Mr. George H. Graham, of Massachusetts, Chairman.**

Mr. President and Gentlemen: The Committee on Nominations begs to submit the following list of officers for the next two years:

For president, J. Quincy Ward, of Kentucky; for first vice president, William E. Barber, of Wisconsin; for second vice president, the Hon. Honore Mercier, of Quebec; for third vice president, Mr. George D. Pratt, of New York; for secretary, Mr. Carlos Avery, of Minnesota; for treasurer, Mr. John P. Woods, of Missouri. And the executive committee includes the above and Mr. George H. Graham, of Massachusetts; Mr. F. G. Macdiarmid, of Toronto; Mr. John Crampton, of Connecticut, and Mr. M. L. Alexander, of New Orleans.

**The President, Mr. Alexander:** Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the committee on nominations. Do you wish to act on it as a whole as reported by the committee, or separately, or how?

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. President, I move that the Association receive the report of the committee and adopt it in its entirety.

(Whereupon the motion was duly seconded, put, and unanimously carried.)

**The President, Mr. Alexander:** The gentlemen named are unanimously elected. Mr. J. Quincy Ward, will you please come and take the chair? (Applause.)

(Whereupon, the newly elected president, Mr. J. Quincy Ward, of Kentucky, assumed the chair.)

**The President-elect, Mr. Ward:** Gentlemen of the convention, I wish to express to you my appreciation of the great honor that you have bestowed upon me by electing me as your president. From time to time since I have been engaged in the work I have seen fit to differ from the government concerning their regulations upon migratory birds, and as I have been talking in Kentucky I have carried on an open fight, only asking a fair field and no favor. I am sorry to say that in many instances my views upon this subject have not been accepted, but being greatly interested as a sportsman and as a loyal American citizen, I try to do as every member of a democratic country should do, to submit to the majority, and to do it as gracefully as possible.

In carrying out and presiding over the deliberations of this body, it shall be my honest endeavor to give to every man a fair deal and to pass upon questions that come up for my decision without prejudice.