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tion being submitted and voted on separately. All were adopted except a resolution which sought to advocate a law in the several states making compulsory the appointment as commissioners, men recommended by State Game Protective Organizations. This resolution was favored by E. B. McCutcheon of North Dakota, W. E. Barber of Wisconsin, and Alfred Eastgate of North Dakota. It was opposed by M. L. Alexander of Louisiana, G. A. Smith of Oklahoma and George H. Graham of Massachusetts. The resolutions as finally adopted were as follows:

RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions were adopted by the National Association of Game and Fish Commissioners in session, August 27, 28 and 29, 1917:

WHEREAS, the United States of America is now in the great world struggle for democracy, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the National Association of Game and Fish Commissioners in convention assembled at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 27 to 29, 1917, A. D., that we pledge our loyalty to the President and Government of the United States, in the problems which they have to solve, in this great crisis, and be it further

RESOLVED that we most severely condemn all utterances or acts in any way disloyal to the President and Government of this Country, and be it further

RESOLVED That the National Association of Game and Fish Commissioners, in convention August 29, 1917, heartily endorse the action of Hon. J. A. A. Burnquist, Governor of Minnesota, in refusing to allow a so-called "Peace Conference" to be held within the confines of the State, holding that his action is thoroughly American in every respect, and be it further

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association, a copy sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and a copy given to the public press.

RESOLVED That this Association in convention assembled endorse the principle of the non-sale of wild game except for propagation purposes, and that it pledges its support to all states which have not yet adopted the principle in the interest of preserving this most valuable food asset of wild life for the benefit of the people of this country.

WHEREAS, this Association has been informed that the Hotel and Restaurant Committee meeting in Washington, D. C., on August 1, 1917, passed a resolution recommending that the United States Government urge various states to lengthen their fish and game seasons, and that these seasons be made uniform throughout the country, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the existing supply of fish and game is now being drawn on to an extent which should not be exceeded, and that any further draft on the supply would be an irrevocable loss to the nation, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Food Administrator.

WHEREAS, there is pending in the Congress of the United States, a bill known as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, for the purpose of giving effect to the Treaty ratified on December 6, 1916, between Great Britain and the United States, and

WHEREAS, these two Governments are allies in the great struggle now being waged to free the people of the world from the oppression of autocracy and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to utilize every natural resource to the fullest extent for the purpose of accomplishing these ends, and

WHEREAS, the food supply of the world is one of the most important factors in the present struggle, and

WHEREAS, our migratory birds constitute one of the greatest agencies in the conservation of the food supply of the world, both directly and indirectly,

1. Directly in that the migratory game birds furnish an important food supply for our people.

2. Indirectly, in that the migratory insectivorous birds make possible the growing crops, and

WHEREAS, conservation in all its phases is the important element necessary for the success of this great world-wide struggle for democracy.

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Association of Game and Fish Commissioners in Convention assembled, that we urge upon Congress the early passage of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act as an important war measure, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association, and that the secretary send to each member of Congress, to the President of the United States, and to the Secretary of Agriculture, a copy of this resolution.

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this meeting that the hearty thanks and appreciation of this organization be extended to his Excellency, the Governor of Minnesota, and His Honor, the Mayor of Saint Paul, for their warm and courteous greeting and tender of the freedom of the State and City, during our stay here, and further

RESOLVED, That we here express our appreciation of the many courtesies extended to us by the Ramsey County Game Protective League, Minnesota River Gun Club, the St. Paul Heron Lake Gun Club, St. Paul Association of Commerce, St. Paul Rod and Gun Club, Minneapolis Game Protective League and Commissioner Avery and we assure these organizations and gentlemen here named that we have deeply appreciated their many efforts for our entertainment.

The report of the committee on organization was presented by Carlos Avery on behalf of the Chairman, W. E. Barber of Wisconsin. The committee recommended the changing of the name of the Association to "International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners," which recommendation was accepted in recognition of the community of interest between all the countries of North America in the matter of game conservation.

The committee further recommended that the by-laws fixing kind and qualifications for membership be amended so as to provide for a state voting membership with an annual fee of \$25.00 each in addition to the individual memberships with \$2.00 annual fee. This recommendation was also adopted.