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Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, hereby extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Governor Karl Rolvaag, Conservation Commissioner Wayne H. Olson, personnel of the Minnesota Department of Conservation and the Regional Office of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, citizens of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the management of the Pick-Nicollet Hotel, and others for the many courtesies and favors which contributed so much to the convention; and
Be it further resolved that thanks also be directed to all of those who appeared on the program, thereby making this convention profitable as well as enjoyable.

RESOLUTION NO. 19

DRAINAGE OF SMALL WETLANDS

Whereas, P.L. 566 known as the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act is promoting or making economically feasible the drainage of small wetlands in the duck production areas of the United States; and

Whereas, stream channelization has become the major part of the small watershed development program causing a definite loss of wildlife values on adjacent lands,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners requests that the Secretary of Agriculture review some of the completed projects performed under P.L. 566 in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota for the purpose of modifying future projects to eliminate the deleterious effect to wildlife caused by the drainage of valuable wetland habitat which becomes possible by private land-owners through channelization under the watershed program.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PURPOSES

Whereas, many federal properties, especially Department of Defense installations, when no longer needed for original purposes, can well serve purposes of wildlife conservation; and,

Whereas, present laws permit the disposal of such surplus real properties to state agencies at no cost for purposes of wildlife conservation; and,

Whereas, the General Services Administration seldom classifies such surplus properties for wildlife conservation purposes; and,

Whereas, this surplus property is usually classified for agricultural and/or industrial uses at full appraised value or for disposal at 50 per cent of the appraised value for public parks or recreational purposes; and,

Whereas, the sale of such surplus properties for agricultural use, places more land in production of surplus crops and,

Whereas, the states must usually purchase land for wildlife purposes which is now in private ownership, displace present owners, and pay for expense of improvements;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that it recommends that the General Services Administration consider disposal of land for wildlife conservation as one of the highest and best uses for available surplus federal lands.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

SUPPORT OF THE MINNESOTA PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORTH AMERICAN HALL OF FAME

Whereas, Governor Karl F. Rolvaag, of the state of Minnesota, in his address to the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, has called for the establishment of a North American Conservation Hall of Fame and Museum, and

Whereas, said Hall of Fame would serve to honor and pay fitting tribute to those pioneers of conservation who have dedicated their lives to the science of Natural Resource Management, and

Whereas, said Hall of Fame and Museum would serve to place a new and most vital focus on the need for wisdom in the use of our resource heritage and the urgency for accelerated programs in conservation education, and

Whereas, our host state of Minnesota has initiated this proposal and is prepared to offer leadership in making it a reality, and has evidence of federal guidance and support for said proposal,

Now, therefore, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby declare its endorsement of the Minnesota plan calling for the creation of a North American Conservation Hall of Fame and Museum.