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## Resolution 1958-19-20 Engle Bill Cooperation

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Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in 48th Annual Convention at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1958, that the 86th congress be urged to adopt legislation of this nature in the interests of perpetuating valuable wildlife resources, including migratory waterfowl, provided the withholding of such federal aid does not jeopardize the national interest; and

Be it further resolved, that the secretary of this organization transmit copies of this resolution to Congressmen Reuss and McGovern, the secretary of the Department of Agriculture and chairmen of the senate and house committees on Agriculture.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 17**

### **COOPERATION WITH THE MILITARY**

Whereas, the military establishments of the United States exercise control over vast areas of land throughout the United States;

Whereas, the passage of the Engle Military Lands Bill has assured the proper wildlife management and control of these lands;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled this 12th day of September, 1958, in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, does commend the authorities of the military establishment and recommends to the officials of the states making up this Association that they cooperate fully with the military authorities at both the national and local level, and to carry this cooperation out to the utmost of their capacity including the providing of literature, advice, materials and services to the local commanders for the improvement of these bases for wildlife purposes.

And be it further resolved that this Association being firmly of the opinion that an understanding of the basic importance of conservation is a need of every citizen of the United States does hereby recommend the inclusion of at least a basic course in conservation in the curriculum of the several service schools of the military establishment.

The secretary is directed to send copies of this resolution to the heads of the military departments of Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 18**

### **AMENDMENTS TO STRENGTHEN FEDERAL POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

Whereas, pollution of many of the nation's surface water comprise interstate or regional problems of true concern to the federal government; and,

Whereas, municipal sewage treatment plant construction has been greatly stimulated by grants provided under provisions of Public Law 660, the Federal Pollution Control Act of 1956; and,

Whereas, there is a demonstrated need for expansion of this grants program to the authorizations proposed in the original legislation and as endorsed by this organization;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in 48th annual convention at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 12, 1958, does hereby urge the congress of the United States of America to double the current sewage treatment plant construction grants program of Public Law 660, providing for a maximum of \$500,000 for any one grant under an annual maximum authorization of \$100 million and a 10-year maximum authorization of \$1 billion as proposed by the Blatnik Bill (H. R. 13420) in the 85th congress; and,

Be it further resolved that the congress also be urged to recognize the magnitude of the pollution problem by creating a new position of Assistant Secretary for Water Pollution Control within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and to otherwise elevate the status of this program as proposed by H. R. 13839 in the 85th congress.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19**

### **ENGLE BILL COOPERATION**

Whereas, in many states there exists problems arising out of the legal uncertainty as to whether the state has jurisdiction to enforce its game, fish and other laws in certain areas presently or previously in the ownership of the federal government; and

Whereas, a partial solution to this problem was accomplished by an enactment in congress of the so-called Engle Bill (Public Law 337) — 85th congress) authorizing federal agencies to return jurisdiction to the states over military lands;

Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of this committee that many states and the officials in charge of the conservation game and fish programs therein are unaware that it is necessary for the legislatures of

such states to enact laws accepting the return of jurisdiction by the federal government or otherwise such state under the law may not have the right to exercise this jurisdiction on such lands;

Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of this committee that the Engle Bill covers only military lands of the federal government but that this problem exists also on other categories of federal lands.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by this Association that it call this matter to the attention of all the state conservation officials in whose states such problems prevail to the end that they take such steps that may be necessary to secure the passage by the state legislature of requisite and suitable laws accepting the return of federal jurisdiction;

Be it further resolved, that the Association continue to use its efforts in securing the passage of a general law by congress by which federal agencies are authorized to return jurisdiction over all other categories of federally-owned lands.

Be it further resolved, that members of the legal committee of this Association give such advice and assistance in the drafting of such legislation which will accomplish the aforesaid purposes.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 20**

### **APPRECIATION OF COURTESIES**

Be it resolved, by the 48th annual convention of The International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners assembled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania this 12th day of September, 1958, that we wish to thank the Pennsylvania Game Commission—President C. Elwood Huffman; Executive Director M. J. Golden—the Pennsylvania Fish Commission—President John W. Grenoble; Executive Director Wm. Voigt, Jr., and all their staffs for the very fine manner in which they have provided for this convention and for the pleasure and comfort of all those in attendance.

We commend, also, the Benjamin Franklin hotel and its management for their excellent work in providing necessary space facilities and services for the benefit of this convention.

We also express our appreciation to all those others who have participated in the organization and conduct of this convention without whose generous and untiring efforts this convention would not be possible.