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Be it further resolved that all project lands under authority of the Corps of Engineers not needed for the operation of the primary objectives of the impoundment, or not under agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Service or any state conservation department, be covered by agreements including Section 25 referred to above;

Be it further resolved that the secretary of this association prepare and forward to the President of the United States, the proper authorities of the Corps of Engineers and the Secretary of Interior, copies of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

SURPLUS PITTMAN-ROBERTSON FUNDS

Be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 5, 1953, that in pursuance of our long-standing policy, we urge the adoption by Congress without further delay of legislation substantially as incorporated in H.R. 6438 (Rep. Angell), providing for distribution of the accumulated surplus of Pittman-Robertson funds, amounting to approximately \$13,500,000, within five years, on substantially the same basis of apportionment as provided by the Pittman-Robertson Act for annual distribution of funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

USE OF NATIONAL FOREST FUNDS FOR RECREATIONAL PUBLIC USE FACILITIES AND AREAS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

Be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 15, 1953, that we reaffirm our long-standing support for legislation by Congress, substantially as embraced in the Baker Bill, H.R. 1972 of the 83rd Congress, providing that ten percent of national forest income shall be made available for the development, maintenance, and operation of recreational public use facilities and areas and for the improvement and maintenance of wildlife habitat in the national forests, and we urge Congress to pass such legislation without further delay.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

ENDORSEMENT OF CONSERVATION LEGISLATION

Be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 15, 1953, that we endorse and urge the adoption by Congress of the following pending bills, or other legislation of substantially the same content, as sound and desirable measures in furtherance of the important conservation objectives to which they relate:

(1) S. 2545 (Sens. Aikens, Thye and others), providing for cooperation by the federal government with states and local agencies in small watershed projects for soil and water conservation, flood control, etc.;

(2) H.R. 6081 (Rep. Metcalf), amending the Taylor Grazing Act for better protection and management of range resources;

(3) H.R. 5358 (Rep. Hope), providing for regulations of mining locations in national forests to protect surface values.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

OPPOSING THE ELLSWORTH BILL, H.R. 4646, ON EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL FOREST LANDS

Be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 15, 1953, that we earnestly oppose H.R. 4646 (Rep. Ellsworth), providing for exchange of U. S. timber lands to compensate for private lands acquired by the U. S. for national forests and other purposes, as legislation favoring private interests at the expense of valuable public interests in the national forests.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

APPRECIATION OF COURTESIES

Be it resolved by the members of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners assembled in the 43rd annual session at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 15th day of September, 1953, that we express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the Wisconsin Conservation Department, its able director, Ernest Swift, and to all agencies and individuals who so generously contributed to the pleasure of the members and to the success of the convention.