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passage of the Tackett Bill, HR 565, which provides that 10% of all monies received from National Forest income shall be available for the development, maintenance and operation of National forest recreational resources, and

Be it further resolved that this association goes on record as again opposing any federal use stamp for hunting and fishing on national forest land.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

NATIONAL FOREST ADVISORY BOARDS

Whereas, the national forests and national grazing lands of the West are administered and operated under a multiple use program which embraces watershed protection, timber production, grazing, wildlife management, public recreation, and other valid and legitimate purposes, and

Whereas, there now exist under law, National Forest Advisory Boards consisting of domestic livestock interests, with one other forest user being represented, such representation consisting of only one wildlife vote,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners strongly insists that the representation on National Forest Advisory Boards be broadened to provide equal representation and participation by all legitimate users of the national forests and national grazing lands under the multiple use program, specifically including the interests of wildlife, recreation, timber, grazing and watershed management.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

RE-EXAMINATION OF PITTMAN-ROBERTSON ACT

Whereas, increased federal aid allotments to the various states under the provisions of the Pittman-Robertson Act will materially expand programs in most states, and

Whereas, the respective states must immediately plan and inaugurate these programs,

Be it therefore resolved, that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service be requested to re-examine the various interpretations of the above act so as to assist the states on these expanded programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

RESOLUTION OPPOSING "PROPOSAL FOR AN ACT"

Whereas, the western national forests are important for water, timber, recreation and wildlife, as well as for grazing, and are administered under the multiple use principle of management that benefits all of the people, and

Whereas, there have been suggested by certain stockmen's groups, proposals for legislation similar to the ones contained in the "Proposal for an Act" dated April 12, 1951, and

Whereas, these proposals would, in effect, set up the administration of national forests under a grazing board in a manner similar to the administration of the Taylor grazing lands, without equitable representation of other interests, such as water, timber, recreation and wildlife, on such boards, and

Whereas, the national forests contain the high water-producing lands of the western states, and involve the most favorable game and wildlife range and other multiple resources, and are so different from the Taylor Act lands that a similar type of administration could not be made to work without subordination of, and discrimination against, important qualified users, other than the livestock permittees, and

Whereas, these "Proposals for an Act" set up an unsound and biased basis for establishment and maintenance of grazing privileges by granting permits only to present permittees and depart from the requirement that both the base properties and livestock be owned by the permittee personally and, further, by placing no restrictions as to maximum numbers of livestock for which any one permittee might obtain a permit, and

Whereas, no provision at all is made for maintenance of suitable habitat for wildlife or allowances for wildlife in making estimates of grazing capacities.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby strongly oppose any legislation which is based on principles similar to those proposed and submitted by the "Stockmen's Grazing Committee" dated April 12, 1951, entitled "Proposal for an Act," and

Be it further resolved that this association hereby expresses its appreciation of the fine cooperative spirit shown by a great many of the western livestock owners toward reasonable numbers of big game animals ranging on their own private lands and on public lands used by them.