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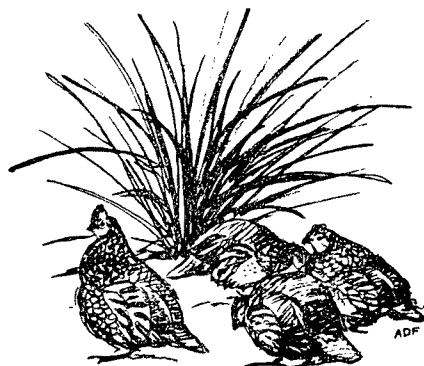


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The Chairman: The next is the report of the Resolutions Committee, which will be presented by Mr. Davis.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Davis: After studying the many resolutions before us, we have the following for the consideration of this body:

ECW PROGRAM

Whereas it is generally recognized that the Emergency Conservation Works has during the past several years rendered inestimable value to the conservation programs of the various states in carrying on forestry projects such as forest planting, timber-stand improvement, construction of truck trails and fire lanes, fire-hazard reduction, forest-fire fighting; lake and stream improvement, park construction, and the building of ponds and other necessary structures for fish hatcheries, as well as many other constructive projects; and

Whereas it would have been impossible for the individual states to have financed and completed the number of such projects, carried on through ECW assistance; and

Whereas aside from the immense practical benefits derived through this program in aiding to preserve our natural resources for future posterity, the ECW service through its CCC camps has done more for building up a higher standard of citizenship and generally benefiting the American youth than any other agency and

Whereas there is a possibility that the ECW program may be concluded on March 31 of 1937; and

Whereas such discontinuance of this work, with so much along the line of conservation yet to be done, would be a serious setback to the various states and the cause of conservation generally,

Now, therefore be it resolved that the members of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners respectfully urge the President of the United States, the United States Senate and the United States Congressmen representing the various states to consider seriously the establishment of this program on a permanent basis; and

Be it further resolved that in the promotion of this activity in a permanent sense, the work projects involved be carefully studied and selected for their merits, with utmost caution being used to guard against unnecessary, excessive and injurious activities; and that an increasing amount of time and funds be devoted to activities which will directly benefit fish and game; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the members of the United States Senate and the United States Congressmen representing the various states.

KLEEBERG BILL

Whereas there was introduced in the House of Representatives a bill known as the Kleeberg Bill, having for its object the consolidation in the Department of Agriculture of all Federal activities relating to wildlife, and

Whereas the Kleeberg or a similar bill in all probability will be reintroduced in the next Congress, and

Whereas there is a deplorable and widespread division of Federal wildlife activities in various departments and bureaus causing costly duplication of efforts;

Now therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorse the principles of the Kleeberg Bill, subject however to the inclusion therein of the following provision: "Provided, however, nothing herein shall be construed to limit or restrict the lawful power and authority of the states with reference to wildlife resources."

MIGRATORY BIRD ADVISORY BOARD

Whereas the annual establishment of equitable and fair seasons, bag limits and other restrictions governing the hunting and adequate protection of migratory birds is a tremendous and complicated undertaking necessitating most careful consideration of all related factors and conditions affecting migratory birds throughout the length and breadth of this continent, and

Whereas each and every one of the states has joint responsibility with the Federal Government in the protection and regulation of the taking of migratory birds;

Therefore be it resolved that the Migratory Bird Advisory Board be reconstructed and become operative along the following lines;