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able areas suitable for the use of waterfowl be permanently safeguarded, therefore,

This Association reaffirms its endorsement of the measure now known as the Federal Migratory Bird Refuge and Marsh Land Conservation Bill and urges its early passage.

The appointment of a representative of this Association by its President to serve with similar representatives of other organizations in promoting the passage of the bill is approved and directed.

Platform of Principles.

The adoption by this Association of a definite platform or code of basic principles of wild life conservation is recognized as necessary to the orderly and sane progress of game administration and legislation in the several states, and it is believed that the time is now ripe for such a step. The President is therefore empowered and directed to appoint a committee of five members whose duty it shall be to formulate and present such a platform at the next annual convention for adoption.

Deceased Members.

Death has entered the ranks of the Association during the past year and removed two of our distinguished and highly respected members.

G. M. Willard.

The Association desires to record its keen sense of loss of the wise counsel and helpful advice of the Hon. G. M. Willard, recently State Game Warden of the State of Arizona who departed this life shortly after taking part in the last annual meeting at Denver, Colorado. The high character of Mr. Willard as a citizen and a public official was universally recognized, and his modest, genial personality and sterling worth impressed themselves on all who were fortunate enough to know him.

John P. Woods.

For many years a familiar and welcome figure at the annual conventions of this Association was that of John P. Woods, of St. Louis, Missouri, a loyal, enthusiastic, earnest member, always ready and abundantly able to assume any obligation laid upon him and to carry the banner of conservation. He was a unique and loveable personality whom many of our members were proud to number among their most valued personal friends and who deeply mourn his departure.

The secretary of this Association is hereby directed to forward to the surviving relatives of Mr. G. M. Willard and Mr. John P. Woods suitable messages of sympathy and condolence.

Appreciation of Courtesies.

The members of the International Association have been placed under lasting obligation to Hon. I. T. Quinn, Commissioner of Game and Fisheries of the State of Alabama, for his tireless and effective efforts in perfecting and executing the excellent arrangements for this convention. He has made good in an abundant measure the assurance given us when his invitation to come to Mobile was accepted last year.

To the Hon. Harry T. Hartwell, Acting Mayor of the city of Mobile, and to Mr. O. M. Phelps, General Manager of the Cham-

ber of Commerce, and to the members of the Mobile Gun Club, the Management of the Battle House, and to the press of the city, acknowledgement is hereby made of their cordial greetings, and for their generous hospitality and for the many courtesies received at their hands and for their efforts to make pleasant and interesting the visit of our members, which the handicap of adverse weather conditions has made all the more apparent, and is the greater appreciated.

President LeCompte: Gentlemen, you have heard the resolutions; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Smith: I move that we consider the resolutions as a whole, with the exception of the Game Refuge Resolution, which should be considered separately. I make that motion for the reason that there are several of us here who are going to vote against the Game Refuge Bill Resolution but who are very anxious to vote for the other resolutions. We would hate to vote against them all en bloc.

Mr. Burnham: May I make a suggestion? We are like a dog chasing its tail. All of us want the Refuge Bill; why should not those who oppose these other propositions in the bill so register their vote?

Mr. Smith: This bill will take \$250,000 a year out of the state of Texas. We have to pay \$7,000,000 a year to the Federal Government; we only get back \$6,000,000, and you ask us to give a quarter of a million more.

Mr. Burnham: All I am suggesting is—

President LeCompte: Gentlemen, the question is on the adoption of these resolutions. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Doze: I think Mr. Burnham's suggestion should be followed in that respect.

President LeCompte: I did not get Mr. Burnham's suggestion.

Mr. Doze: There are none of us here opposed to game refuges, but those states that do not at this time subscribe to the other features of the bill should have the right to enter their protest against those two features. So I say that Mr. Burnham's suggestion should be followed. Personally I do not want to vote against giving game refuges and public shooting grounds to any state, but I consider that the public shooting grounds measure is a matter for the state to take care of, not for the Federal Government.

Mr. Amsler: In order to get the record straight, I move the adoption of the resolutions, other than the resolution pertaining to the Game Refuge Bill. That will enable those who have objections to enter their objection to that particular resolution.

President LeCompte: And your idea is that the resolution with respect to the Game Refuge Bill be reread and separately put?

Mr. Amsler: Yes.

Mr. Doze: I will second the motion.

President LeCompte: The motion has been made and duly second-