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duty on imported game birds be reduced fifty per cent, and that a representative of this Association be present at the hearing before the Tariff Commission in Washington, D. C., on September 10th, 1925, at 10 A. M., in support of this resolution.

Mr. Adams: I move the adoption of the resolution.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Pearson: The next resolution is as follows:

In view of the great economic and spiritual value of song and insectivorous birds to mankind, this Association urges game wardens and commissioners throughout the United States and Canada to devote careful attention to the subject of protecting this class of wild birds to co-operate with such national and state citizens' organizations as may exist for the education of the public on the value of such birds to the country.

On motion of Mr. Burnham, seconded by Dr. Waggoner, the resolution was carried unanimously.

Dr. Pearson: With regard to the Game Refuge Bill, various ideas have been expressed by different men as to the feasibility and as to the wisdom of its various provisions. As is well known here, there has been considerable discussion throughout the country in that connection, especially here in the Northwest, where Mr. Madsen has prepared a special bill which has been brought to your attention. In order to get anything in Washington we must present a united front; we all believe in that. This organization, fortunately, has had a very level-headed and far-seeing president, a gentleman who comes from a neighboring country. This is particularly a domestic problem here, but when he arrived and found that there was more or less sheet-lightning playing around the horizon on this subject, he proceeded to call together officers of this Western Association and the International Association and a few others, with an idea of threshing this thing out and of having all the cards laid on the table. His idea was that we might find out to our satisfaction whether those of opposite views had horns on or not, or whether we were all regular fellows and sincere. These men met for a few hours in a room in the hotel here the other night and prepared a brief statement, as follows:

Denver, Col.
August 19, 1925.

Officers of the Western Association of State Game Commissioners and of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in conference here tonight approve amendments to the Game Refuge Bill offered by Commissioner D. H. Madsen, of Utah, providing for a state representative on the Federal Board to be in charge of the purchase of lands for game refuges, and for raising the funds by the transfer of the existing excise tax on firearms and ammunition in place of the proposed Federal hunting license. They urge the American Game Protective Association to sponsor the amended bill in Congress. Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, expressed his approval of the proposed amendments and those present urge the Izaak Walton League and other organizations and individuals interested, to give the movement their support.

This is what was passed the other night unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the action of the officers of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in con-