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conferences on the subject, and it was agreed that if we got back of them on the Mississippi bottoms they would get back of the American Game Protective Association for this Bill that really originated in the East.

I suggest that the Association send them a message of cordial greetings and good-will, with the request that they use their best endeavors this fall in the matter of the Game Refuge Bill. The Resolutions Committee might bear that in mind as a very valuable message for this Association to send.

President Miles: That is a very good suggestion. Without objection, the secretary will be instructed to prepare a suitable message and forward it to the proper authorities representing the Isaak Walton League.

Mr. Lawyer: I think it would be proper to have a resolution prepared and adopted by the Association.

Mr. Walcott: I will submit a draft.

President Miles: If there is no other business to come before the Association I will call upon Mr. Chambers, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee to present his report. I suggest, if there is no objection that the Chairman of the Committee read all the resolutions in their order. A note can be made of any comments or objections as he goes along, and at the end if there is no objection we will adopt the resolutions as a whole.

Mr. Chambers: The following are the resolutions which have been submitted to and unanimously approved by the committee:

Whereas the public efforts of Hon. Harry B. Hawes, Congressman from Missouri District No. 11 (St. Louis) were well directed and devoted to the proposed rescue of the Winneshiek bottoms on the upper Mississippi River from drainage, as shown by his vigorous support of H. R. 4088, known as the Isaak Walton League of America Bill;

And whereas this area represents the only remaining large natural habitat for fish and game within the aforesaid district: Be it therefore

RESOLVED, that this Association express its sincere thanks and deep appreciation to Congressman Hawes for his support; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Harry B. Hawes.

Resolution No. 2 deals with the question of Research:

Whereas in carrying on the work of conserving the wild life resources of United States and Canada it is imperative that scientific studies and investigations be made from time to time, particularly of diseases, of pollution of waters, of the effects of drainage and of other destructive factors in connection with food supply and breeding habits;

And whereas such studies should be comprehensive enough to cover all parts of the continent, because of the established fact that the habits and needs of wild life vary greatly in various parts of the continent;

And whereas in order to be of the greatest effectiveness such studies and investigations should be made by such agency as will ensure continuity of policy and research by reason of permanent organization;

And whereas the Bureau of Biological Survey in the Department of Agriculture, Washington, is such permanent agency and by its past record has shown great ability to render these services: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Association records itself in favor of the prosecution of such studies and of an increase of appropriations to make possible an enlargement of the resources of the Survey to carry on this useful