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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

and much needed work; and, further, that the proper department in the government of Canada should carry on similar studies and investigations within the Dominion.

#### Resolution No. 3, Pollution of Waters:

Whereas wild bird life, fisheries, summer resort beaches, property in and about harbors, and even human life on this continent and on the high seas have been seriously endangered because of the pollution of waters by oil and other deleterious substances, which have heretofore been deposited in or upon the waters and;

Whereas all these resources are of the utmost moment to our people;  
Be it

RESOLVED, in view of the fact that this nuisance is largely controllable, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in conference assembled urges the prompt adoption by the proper authorities of suitable measures for stopping the pollution of the waters of this continent whether inland, coastal or pelagic, and further urges that such action as may be necessary respecting oil pollution of the waters of the high seas be taken by mutual agreement between the maritime powers of the world.

#### The Game Refuge Bill:

Whereas it is generally acknowledged that the future safety of our migratory birds, many kinds of fur-bearing animals and valuable fish depends upon saving from indiscriminate drainage operations and perpetuating many important water and marsh areas as breeding, feeding and resting places for wild life: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Association urges the early passage of the Migratory Bird Refuge Bill (S.2913-H.R.745) now pending in Congress, and pledges its active support of this measure.

#### The late Napoleon A. Comeau:

RESOLVED, that the members of the International Association of Game Fish and Conservation Commissioners learned with deepest regret in the autumn of 1923 of the death of Napoleon A. Comeau, of Godbout, Saguenay County, Province of Quebec, and feel keenly the void thereby created in the ranks of those who devote themselves to those studies of wild life and protection to the pursuit of which he devoted the years of his long and useful life, and deplore the loss thereby sustained to the cause of conservation of the fauna of this continent.

The last resolution is a complimentary one:

RESOLVED, that this Association is warmly appreciative of the many courtesies extended to its members during their convention in the old city of Quebec, and hereby extends its most hearty thanks for the same, mentioning particularly in this connection His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Quebec for his warm address of welcome, the Government of the province for its generous permission to hold the sessions in the Parliament House, to its former esteemed President, the Hon. Honore Mercier, Minister of Lands and Forests, and the Hon. Mr. Perrault, Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries, to both of whom the delegates are indebted for the offer of a drive to the Plains of Abraham and the Quebec bridge, unavoidably cancelled on account of the rain; for invitations to the banquet at the Chateau Frontenac tonight, and to the Hon. Mr. Perrault in particular for the gift of copies of the late regretted Napoleon A. Comeau's valuable work, "Life and Sport on the North Shore," as well as for his gift of complimentary fishing and hunting permits for the present season; and to the Hon. Mr. Chambers, Special Officer, Department of