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The report was adopted unanimously.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Mr. F. C. Walcott: Your committee has the following resolution to offer:

Since the last meeting of this association we have suffered an irreparable loss through the sudden and untimely death of John H. Wallace, Jr., of Alabama, vice president of this association and for many years conservation commissioner of Alabama. Colonel Wallace was known and beloved by his associates because of his energy, his intelligence and his unquenchable enthusiasm in the protection and conservation of wild life. A tireless investigator; a rare companion; high-minded reformer, John Wallace loved nature and his fellowmen; and he loved the work of bringing these two together, instilling into his fellowmen a more intimate knowledge and a deeper appreciation of nature. We mourn his absence from our council table, and we wish to record upon the minutes of this association our profound admiration for John H. Wallace, Jr., and our heartfelt sympathy for the members of his immediate family.

We deeply mourn the loss sustained by this association through the death of George H. Graham, a former president of this association, who gave the best years of his life to the work of conservation.

A careful student and an ardent lover of nature, George Graham brought to this work a great enthusiasm and a genial personality which marked him as a real laborer in the cause of wild life protection.

Resolved, That our appreciation of his work and our sympathy for the members of his immediate family be recorded in the minutes of this association, and that a copy of this resolution be sent by the secretary to the bereaved family.

The motion was carried by a rising vote, the members standing silently with bowed heads to do honor to the memory of the two departed brothers.

A proposed resolution concerning the importation of Mexican quail (as to season and price), was amended after general discussion, and adopted in the following form:

Whereas, It has been brought to the attention of this association that during the past eight years a number of states have been purchasing Bobwhite quail from Mexico for restocking purposes at seasons of the year when climatic conditions were unfavorable for receiving them; and

Whereas, A ready market for Mexican Bobwhite quail has developed keen competition between shippers as well as purchasers;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this association in annual convention assembled this fifth day of September, 1922, recommends that state officials and sportsmen's organizations decline to purchase quail or enter into competition among themselves in the purchase of birds from brokers who attempt to charge exorbitant prices.

The following resolution with reference to the game refuge bill was adopted unanimously:

The International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, whose membership is composed of the Conservation Commissioners and state game wardens of the several states of the United States and the provinces of Canada in annual convention assembled at Madison, Wis., September 4th and 5th, declares by unanimous vote that the Public Shooting Ground-Game Refuge Bill (S1452-H. R.-5823), is the most important and most constructive legislative measure in the interests of conservation ever introduced in congress, and that the early

passage of this bill is absolutely essential to the effective administration of the existing federal game laws and the maintenance of migratory birds on the North American continent.

The association therefore urges that the bill be passed before the adjournment of the present session of congress.

It was voted that a telegram embodying the foregoing resolution be sent to the following:

Hon. Gilbert H. Haugen, chairman of the committee on agriculture, House of Representatives.

Hon. Daniel R. Anthony, Jr., House of Representatives.

Hon. Harry S. New, of the Senate.

Hon. Reed Smoot, chairman of the committee on public lands of the Senate.

Hon. Bertram Snell, House of Representatives—all of Washington.

It was voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sincere appreciation of the members of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled be expressed to the mayor of this beautiful city Madison and to the officers of the Wisconsin Commission of Conservation for their cordial welcome, the privilege of using these spacious quarters in the capitol and the interesting and instructive exhibits and excursions to the hatcheries and the Dells.

It was voted unanimously to incorporate the following memorial, presented by Mr. I. T. Quinn, of Alabama, in to the records:

Mr. President, as the successor to the late John H. Wallace, Jr., of Alabama, I should like to state that his untimely departure from the common walks of men was a serious shock and an irreparable loss to all the people of Alabama, to the conservationists of his native state, and to the nation. John Wallace was inherently a lover of the beautiful and the useful in nature. His entire life was spent in advocating those principals which tend to protect, conserve and develop the natural resources of his state and the wild life of this nation. He was truly an apostle of conservation, a minister to the needs of his state and nation, and a counsellor and adviser to more state legislatures and organizations than perhaps any other man of his day. The state of Alabama mourns his death.

NEW MEMBERS

The name of Mr. E. T. Judd, of Cando, N. D., game and fish commissioner, was presented for membership, and accepted.

President Mercier: We will now have the report of the Committee on Nominations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Mr. S. E. Gordon submitted the report of the Committee on Nominations, as follows:

President, William C. Adams, Boston, Mass.

First Vice President, Lee Miles, Little Rock, Ark.

Second Vice President, J. B. Harkin, Ottawa, Canada.

Secretary, R. P. Holland, New York City.

Treasurer, Alva Clapp, Pratt, Kan.

General Counsel, Joseph H. Acklen, Nashville, Tenn.

Executive Committee

Carlos Avery, St. Paul, Minn.

F. C. Walcott, Norfolk, Conn.

John M. Phillips, Pittsburgh, Pa.

I. T. Quinn, Montgomery, Ala.