

they were killed. Only 3 others in 97 years. In that same year in Glacier park, 2 people were killed while swimming by outboard motor propellers hitting them. No one called for the elimination of outboard motors. In that same year, 47 people were killed in national parks in high altitude accidents: exposure, falls, coronaries because they overexerted themselves. No one suggested keeping the park visitors to sub-alpine slopes. But because 5 people have been killed in almost a century, the call went out immediately from a scientist and a biologist to kill the bears, the grizzly bears of which there are fewer than perhaps 500 in all of the continental United States south of Canada. Is that a conservation problem or is that a humanitarian problem?

Our goals are the same, ladies and gentlemen. We seek a world where humanity prevails. Where greed, avarice, stupidity – the collective human distemper – will not vent itself on lesser creatures and seek to destroy the livability of our planet for all creatures – human and otherwise.

Animal slaughter is here to stay, but aware people can make it easier for the beast to bear.

Vivisection is here to stay, but concerned people can make it a sane program.

Hunting is here to stay but it can be regulated and made to benefit the resources of our planet, be made more humane by demanding as much of the man with a gun as we do of the man with a car – no more than that. Just proof of sobriety, sanity, some training, and some proof of skill before being given a gun and told to go and kill.

An era of conservation mindedness has been born – it is about to explode into maturity. The humane movement can only benefit from the association, only enrich its own comprehensiveness and effectiveness, only enhance its own following, increase its strength and its power by the association in fact and in image.

God bless you for what you do. Mother Nature and history already has.

## Following are resolutions adopted by the conferees:

### I.

WHEREAS, in the life of western man in the twentieth century there are innumerable manifestations of the lack of appreciation for the necessity for the humane approach to life, and

WHEREAS, history has provided conclusive proof of the impossibility of right conduct without a precedent of ethical, moral, and spiritual values, and

WHEREAS, many animals used in science education are cruelly treated, and

WHEREAS, prominent educators and scientists have said that such abuse of animals is psychologically harmful and educationally useless, and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing emphasis on painful uses of animals by many researchers, and

WHEREAS, these practices and attitudes lessen sensitivity to life in general, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That The HSUS do everything within its power to bring about a proper appreciation of and respect for the humane approach to life so that this approach may not only be established and maintained but brought to full fruition, and be it further

RESOLVED, That local humane societies and humanitarians be encouraged to work with school boards to adopt official formal policies to insure that no living animals are used in science education in any way that interferes with their normal health and well being and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That The National Humane Education Center and The HSUS continue with all possible speed the development of the necessary materials, procedures and techniques for the education of teachers and students and that special effort be made to secure the endorsement of leading colleges and universities, especially state teachers colleges, for implementation of this formal humane education program.

### II.

WHEREAS, coon-on-a-log, coon-in-a-hole, and other versions of raccoon baiting are primitive entertainment, inhumane, barbarous and clearly degenerating, and

WHEREAS, children watching these spectacles of pain and bloodshed are not being educated for a good world, and no community with a sense of pride can countenance them, and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama has a statute specifically exempting coon-on-a-log and other versions of raccoon baiting from the general cruelty to animals statutes, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That The HSUS petition Governor Albert Brewer and the legislature of Alabama to enact legislation to prohibit these contests and also be it

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Albert Brewer, to the legislature of Alabama, and to the press.\*

*\*A ruling by the Alabama Attorney General, announced in December 1969, makes coon-on-a-log and similar events illegal if the animal is tormented in any way.*

### III.

WHEREAS, the first major federal legislative success of the humane movement was in the late nineteenth century and was responsible for the first transportation act (the 28 hour law), and

WHEREAS, the numbers of animals involved in intrastate and interstate transportation have reached prodigious proportions, and

WHEREAS, conditions under which these animals are transported in many instances do not meet humane standards, and

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient legislation to insure humane treatment of all animals in transit, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That The HSUS should continue its program to eliminate the suffering of animals in all forms of public transportation.

### IV.

WHEREAS, the wildlife throughout the United States and elsewhere has been most cruelly treated and, in some instances, has been threatened with extinction, and

WHEREAS, public opinion also has failed to keep pace with humanitarian ideals with respect to reverence for all living things, be it

RESOLVED, That any threat to the ecological balance undermining the pyramid of life be vigorously opposed by the humane movement, working in close cooperation with all concerned organizations including Defenders of Wildlife, the Wilderness Society, the Audubon Society, and the Sierra Club.

### V.

Be it resolved that the HSUS staff continue to assist and work with the Department of Agriculture to make further strides to improve administration of P.L. 89-544.

### VI.

Be it resolved that The HSUS continue its all-out effort within the limitations of the law to secure enactment of the Rogers-Javits bill.

### VII.

Be it resolved that The HSUS continue to seek elimination of abuses to Walking Horses by reaffirmation of its support of the Tydings bill and such other means as will reinforce the nationwide campaign for this remedial law.

### VIII.

WHEREAS, it is the task of all branches and individuals affiliated with The HSUS from various states and cities to promote and support actively the enactment of legislation for the humane slaughter of livestock,

Be it Resolved, That

(1) the basis of such legislation shall be that each animal is to be rendered unconscious prior to slaughter through electrical, mechanical, or chemical means, and

(2) where ritual (kosher) slaughter is concerned, the term "humanely slaughtered" shall apply only to large animals positioned in a restraining or holding pen during the killing process and this method shall be used for kosher slaughter instead of shackling and hoisting of live, conscious animals, and

(3) sheep and calves are exempted at present, until such time when a device will be available for a humane system of slaughter for these animals, and

(4) in promoting such legislation, every effort shall be made by the humane organization and individuals to establish a close relationship with Jewish religious and community groups and organizations for the purpose of eliminating any and all opposition to humane slaughter legislation, and to dispel any accusation of anti-Semitism in the ranks of humanitarians.