

XII. HUMANE TREATMENT OF EXPERIMENTAL ANIMALS.

During the past decade, much progress has been made by all scientific personnel in providing adequate care of experimental animals. Federal legislation has now been passed to regulate the sale and transportation of research animals and to insure humane treatment for such animals during transportation, sale, and non-experimental periods at research laboratories. We continue to believe this legislation was unnecessary but hope it will prove to be helpful in correcting the isolated difficulties that may exist at research installations and pledge the support of our Associations toward this end. We believe it would be unwise and unnecessary to consider additional legislation regarding the care and handling of laboratory animals.

XIII. NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.

(A) Water Resource Research.

The Associations have been gratified by the authorization and appropriation to implement Title II of the Water Resource Research Act that make it possible to enlist the competencies of academic and non-academic scientists in seeking solutions of pressing national water problems and to provide for the establishment of the Water Science Information service. We urge, however, that appropriations for the funding of both Title I and Title II programs be increased to the full authorized level.

(B) Sea Grant Colleges

These Associations welcome the Sea Grant Colleges and Program Act to provide for the systematic exploration of the marine environment. We urge continuing appropriations for the program consistent with the importance of vastly expanded knowledge of this up-to-now largely neglected area. Further, we urge continuing emphasis in the administration of the program on the importance of broad, flexible institutional awards, in keeping with the basic Federal government-university relationship underlying the outstanding success of the land-grant programs for agricultural research and extension.