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THE RIGHT OF A STATE TO CONSERVE ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.— In many gas producing states such as West Virginia the supply of natural gas is becoming so depleted that statutes attempting to conserve it in one way or another are not uncommon. How far a state may constitutionally conserve such resources for the people of the state as against extra-state consumers is a problem dealt with by the writer in two articles referred to in the footnote.¹ How far such resources may be constitutionally conserved by a

¹ "The Right of a State to Restrain the Exportation of Its Natural Resources," 26 W. Va. L. Qum. 1, and 26 id. 224. The writer wishes to take this opportunity to correct two errors (one typographical) in the second of these articles: (a) The first sentence in the second article contains this statement: "a state may by legislative or administrative 'regulation' restrain the exportation of its natural resources to the extent, at least, that such restraint is necessary to compel public utilities to render adequate service therefrom to all interstate consumers." The italicized word is a typographical error for intrastate. (b) The last paragraph of the second article contains this statement: "The mere fact that there is a legislative or administrative action enforcing the common-law duty to render adequate service does not change the situation and make such action a 'regulation'." The italicized phrase and the repetition thereof in that paragraph should have been omitted; for, while the common-law enforcement of a common-law duty is not, as explained in the article, a "regulation" in the sense in which the word "regulate" is used in the commerce-clause of the Constitution, still a legislative or administrative declaration of that common-law duty is a "regulation" in the sense in which the word "regulation" is used in the commerce-clause, for it prescribes a rule for the future. The meaning of the word "regulate" in the sense in which it is used in the commerce-clause is fully explained in the article. The actual conclusion set forth in the statement above quoted and in the paragraph in question is, however, believed to be correct.