

**House Bill 1366**  
**Testimony before House Transportation Committee**  
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Matthew Larsgaard, and I am appearing in support of House Bill 1366 on behalf of the Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota and the Pioneer Equipment Dealers Association. Collectively, these organizations represent over two hundred of our state's franchised new car and farm equipment dealerships.

After the February 11<sup>th</sup> hearing of HB 1366 there was a question regarding when storage charges would begin to accrue. The following proposed amendment is an attempt to address that question and also add a measure of "fairness" for all parties regarding the storage issue. The amendment states:

Page 1, line 22, after the word "condition." insert:

"Storage fees under this chapter may not begin to accrue until fifteen days after the owner is requested to take possession of the property."

This language prohibits a repairman from charging storage until just over two weeks have passed since the owner was asked to come and get the property. We believe this language to be both fair and reasonable.

Mr. Chairman, we respectfully request a DO PASS on this amendment and HB 1366. Thank you.

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