

Friday, Jan. 29, 2021

House Transportation Committee

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee, for the record my name is Rep. Mike Schatz, Dist. 36, New England.

I apologize for not having the proper language on HB 1462. My only excuse is that the time is so short from the beginning of the session until we must have our bills submitted.

I have handed out an amendment to this bill which changes the intention of the original. The amendment removes the words, "may not sell more than three state fleet vehicles to any one person." And replaces it with, "shall collect a fee of fifty dollars from a nonresident for each state fleet vehicle purchased by the nonresident."

All North Dakotans must pay a yearly registration fee on each of our vehicles. This bill attempts to collect from nonresidents a fee to help defray the costs of maintaining our state fleet. Just as we have extra fees for hunting licenses and out of state tuition for our colleges and universities, so it follows that this fee would be appropriate.

Mr. Chairman, I would ask that you pass the amendment provided and then pass HB 1462. Thank you and I will stand for any questions.