1999 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES HB 1319

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1319

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/21/99

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Minutes:

SUMMARY OF THE BILL: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to nonresident waterfowl hunting time periods.

<u>Chairman Grosz</u> opened the hearing on HB 1319 in the Pioneer Room. All committee members were present: Chairman Grosz, Vice-Chairman Henegar, Rep. Drovdal, Rep. Galvin, Rep. DeKrey, Rep. Nottestad, Rep. Nelson, Rep. Clark, Rep. Porter, Rep. Martinson, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Kelsh, Rep. Lundgren, Rep. Sandvig, Rep. Solberg.

Rep. Nelson of District 7 appeared in favor of HB 1319. (See attached)

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Jim Nagle of the North Dakota Guide and Outfitters appeared in opposition to HB 1319. (see

attached)

Vince Elliot, a waterfowl hunter and citizen appeared on behalf of himself, in opposition to HB

1319.

The hearing on HB 1319 was closed, without the committee taking action.

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.:HB 1319	Amendment to:
Requested by Legislative Council	Date of Request: 1-13-99

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

It is not believed that additional licenses will be sold as a result of this bill. Nonresident hunters may stay here longer or make more trips here, but will not purchase significantly more licenses. Licenses will be easier to issue.

2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001	Biennium	2001-03 Biennium		
	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds	
Revenues:	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Expenditures:	0	0	0	0	0	0	

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

- a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: None
- b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: None
- c. For the 2001-03 biennium: None
- 4. County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium			2001-03 Biennium			
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Date Prepared: 1/14/99	Department Game and Fish	0			
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Date: 1/22/99 Roll Call Vote #: /

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1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

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Motion Made By Porter		SeeBy	conded <u>Clark</u>		
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Vice-Chairman Dale Henegar	\prec				
Representative David Drovdal	X				
Representative Pat Galvin		X			
Representative Duane DeKrey		\times			
Rep. Darrell D. Nottestad	\times		-		
Representative Jon O. Nelson		\mathbf{X}			
Representative Byron Clark	\mathcal{L}				
Representative Todd Porter	X				
Representative Jon Martinson	κ				
Representative Lyle Hanson	K				
Representative Scot Kelsh		-			
Representative Deb Lundgren	K				
Representative Sally M. Sandvig	X		а.		
Representative Dorvan Solberg	X				
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If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:



REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1319: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Grosz, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (11 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1319 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. 1999 TESTIMONY

HB 1319

Points for Consideration Regarding the Liberalization of Non-Resident Waterfowl Hunting

House Bills-1306 and 1319

- 1. The number of non-resident waterfowl hunters in the last ten years has nearly quadrupled in the state of North Dakota. (*North Dakota Game and Fish Dept. Data*)
- 2. The last two hunting seasons, non-resident waterfowl hunters have outnumbered the number of resident hunters. (*NDGFD and National Waterfowl Harvest Data*)
- 3. Based on observations of increased posting of private land, this increase of nonresident hunting pressure has been responsible for increase conflict with landowners and hunters.
- 4. The average expenditure per resident hunter is 2.5 times that of non-resident hunter. (*NDSU Ag. Economics Report #389*)
- 5. North Dakota offers some of the highest quality hunting opportunities in the nation for its residents due to state laws that give preference to North Dakota citizens.

In summary: Currently North Dakota hunting regulations provide ample opportunity for non-resident hunting. Additional liberalization for non-residents will occur at the expense of resident hunters. This is not in the best interest of the economic and social well being of the State.

Recommendation for the Citizens of North Dakota: DO NOT PASS HB 1306 & 1319.



Nonresident Waterfowl Hunter License Fees

1996	13,750 x $93 = 1,278,750$	
1997	15,561 x \$95 = \$1,478,295	

North Dakota Hunting License Cost \$93 in 1996 and \$95 in 1997 to present

Expenditures - It is estimated that each of these hunters spent \$700 in North Dakota. This is based on a study done the by the Department of Agricultural Economics at North Dakota State University.





To the honorable Jon Nelson

The Wolford Wildlife Club with its 92 active members is in support of House Bill 1319. We feel that we have already lost nonresident hunters to Canada over the last several years. These nonresident hunters provided income to our local economy. The nonresident hunters have to choose their 14 days, the wildlife does not. Giving hunters more time to locate hunting areas would help reduce light goose populations.

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Jason Marchus President Wolford Wildlife