

1999 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1392

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1392

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 28, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Robin D. Small</i>			

Minutes:

HOUSE BILL 1392. BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 20.1-03-07.1 OF NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE. RELATING TO NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL HUNTING LICENSE.

REPRESENTATIVE HANSON: Passes out an information sheet. I introduced HB 1392 for sportsmen in my area because we feel that the number of nonresidents coming into the area is getting out of hand. The information lists the number of nonresident licenses sold in ND and other states. ND has 18,000 for the past year, then Texas at 8,000. The note on the Bill of \$1.5M would be only for this past year. Total number of nonresident licenses has increased about 2,000 per year for the last four or five years. Concerning complaints about damage to property, this bill might correct that.

REPRESENTATIVE PORTER: For other states listed, are those numbers for the full season? Are they limited?

REPRESENTATIVE HANSON: Yes, with the exception of SD which has 4,000 for 10 days and 2,000 for 10 days around the Pierre area for large Canadian geese. Some numbers also contain small game licenses; they do not split the waterfowl from small game..

REPRESENTATIVE NELSON: Have you ever seen any data from Canada?

REPRESENTATIVE HANSON: No.

REPRESENTATIVE NOTTESTAD: Since this is speculative lowering down, would you consider a sunset clause on this bill to see how it would go for one session?

REPRESENTATIVE HANSON: Whatever the Committee would like.

LARRY KNOBLICH: United Sportsmen of ND - We support this. When I met with our people, they feel a cap is necessary. They would like to see a lower cap, but we would be happy to start with 16,000 as a cap on nonresidents.

REPRESENTATIVE NELSON: Do agree with Rep. Hanson that the out of state hunters are the ones that are tearing up our roads?

LARRY KNOBLICH: I think that it is many people, and I don't like to see the hunter as the culprit. There are others ripping up the countryside, and I don't like the connotation that it is hunters doing this.

FRED HARE: Waterfowl hunter - I support this bill because of the large number of geese and the impact that it is created to the farmers and ranchers along the river system. Landowners are concerned about the growing numbers of individuals. 16,000 is a good start - I would like to see it a little lower.

PAUL CRARY: Cass County Wildlife Club - We are not against a cap, but we don't feel the legislature is the place to do that. Once it is a law, it is hard to change. We feel this should be determined by the Game and Fish Department or administratively, rather than legally.

REPRESENTATIVE HANSON: They already have that ability, but they haven't done it.

MIKE DONAHUE: North Dakota Wildlife Federation - We are in opposition to this bill because we think there is enough resource out there to support nonresidents and we think there are enough controls on nonresidents as far as numbers. Secondly, we think that from an economic point of view, it helps support ND economy. Many of the nonresidents that come in are former North Dakotans and come to hunt with family.

Close hearing on HB 1392

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REPRESENTATIVE GROSZ: The Governor may not issue more than 16,000 nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses annually.

REPRESENTATIVE NOTTESTAD: I have one concern. We need to have an effective date on it the same as we would have had for the license. I would move to amend the effective date be placed on April 1, 2000.

REPRESENTATIVE KELSH: Seconds the motion.

Motion to amendment carries by majority Yeas.

REPRESENTATIVE DROVDAL: Motion for Do Not Pass as amended.

REPRESENTATIVE MARTINSON: Seconds the motion.

_____ : We have 18,000 nonresidents as compared to Texas with 8000. We just can't handle anymore.

REPRESENTATIVE NELSON: The department certainly has the ability to manage the number of nonstate hunters. I think if we get into a bidding war we will be excluding some people. Rep.

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Hanson seems to not include the number of nonresidents who hunt in Canada. This seems to be a popular place for hunting because of the number of birds we have here. And we really don't need to restrict this anymore, especially when there is an overabundance of waterfowl. Let's just get rid of this bill, like the other one.

REPRESENTATIVE PORTER: I have a hard time micromanaging Game and Fish when they control over this issue. One of the things this bill did not address is that by putting these restrictions in place, you are cutting the place where these licenses are sold. There is nothing in this bill that talks about a lottery or anything that makes it fair. You are basically talking about a first come, first serve basis.

Roll Call: 8 Yeas, 5 Nays, 2 Absent

FISCAL NOTE

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Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1-20-99

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Date 1-28-99

Roll call vote # _____

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

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House Natural Resources Committee

- Subcommittee on _____ } Identify or
 Conference Committee } check where
appropriate

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass HB 1392 as amended

Motion Made By Rep Drowdal Seconded By Rep Martinson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
<u>Mick Spay</u>	X		<u>Norwan Solberg</u>		-
<u>Wale Henegee</u>	X				
<u>Byron Clark</u>		-			
<u>Wane DeGray</u>		X			
<u>David Drowdal</u>	X				
<u>Pat Holwin</u>	X				
<u>Gon Martinson</u>	X				
<u>Gon Nelson</u>	X				
<u>Marrell Hottelstad</u>	X				
<u>Edo Porter</u>	X				
<u>Lyle Hanson</u>		X			
<u>Scott Kjelsh</u>	-	X			
<u>Deb Lundgren</u>		X			
<u>Sally Sandvig</u>		X			

Total 8 5
(Yes) (No)

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Representative Drowdal

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

DO NOT USE HIGHLIGHTER ON ANY FORMS

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 3, 1999 9:49 a.m.

Module No: HR-22-1771
Carrier: Nelson
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1392: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Grosz, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT**
PASS (8 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1392 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

HB 1392

Non-Resident waterfowl or waterfowl and small game licenses sold in 1997 or 1998

ND 18,000

TX 8,000

WI 5,837

MN 5,504

SD 4,000 + 2,000 in 4 county area around Pierre

MT 4,000

KS 3,200

OK 1,800

WY 1,025