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SB 2225

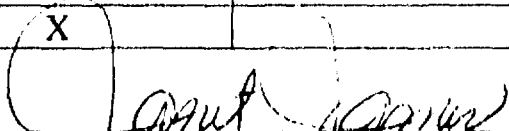
2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2225

Senate Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-25-01

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Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

SENATOR FISCHER opened the hearing on SB 2225, A BILL RELATING TO HUNTING OF NONRESIDENTS BORN IN NORTH DAKOTA.

SENATOR RONALD NICHOLS of District 4, cosponsor of the Bill explained the main issue of the bill. A hunting license would be issued to nonresidents under the age of 36 who has proof of being a bona fide resident of the state. This a small effort to encourage young families to come back to North Dakota to raise their families.

SENATOR EVERY testified in support of the bill adding that this an economic bill.

PAUL SCHADWELL, Chief of Administrative Services of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, testified in opposition of Bill 2225. (See attached testimony).

SENATOR TRAYNOR: the bill uses the term "bona fide" or resident of this state, asked what is the definition.

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PAUL SCHADWELL: it is defined in the Century Code as it is someone who has lived here for 6 months.

PAUL CRARY, representing Cass County Wildlife Club testified in opposition of Bill 2225.

LARRY KNOBLICH, representing the North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance, testified in opposition of Bill 2225 (See attached testimony).

SENATOR FISCHER closed the hearing on SB 2225.

Discussion was held about the requirements of residency, if it is right to use the state's natural resources for promotion of economic growth. It was agreed to be careful to protect the residence of North Dakota. There is concern about the Game and Fish being able to administer it as it would appear to be very difficult.

SENATOR CHRISTMANN made a motion for a "Do Not Pass" of SB 2225.

SENATOR TOLLEFSON second the motion.

SENATOR FISCHER called for a roll vote of SB 2225. The vote indicated 5 YAYS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

SENATOR TOLLEFSON will carry the bill.

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 Requested by Legislative Council  
 01/17/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2225

Amendment to:

**1A. State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>				(\$540,000)		(\$540,000)
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<b>Appropriations</b>						

**1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

**2. Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

Approximately 30,000 nonresidents purchase North Dakota small game hunting licenses each year. About 38% or 11,500 of these hunters are under age 36. It is difficult to determine how many of the 11,500 have at one time resided in North Dakota. Since many people have moved out of North Dakota, the number could be 20-30%. If this is the case, the sale of resident licenses to individuals who normally would purchase nonresidents would result in a reduction in revenue of \$270,000 per year for the Game and Fish operating fund.

**3. State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

**A. Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The revenue loss would be about \$270,000 per year or \$540,000 per biennium.

**B. Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

**C. Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 25, 2001 2:16 p.m.

**Module No: SR-13-1636**  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2225: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Fischer, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (5 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2225 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.**



2001 TESTIMONY

SB 2225



"VARIETY IN HUNTING AND FISHING"

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### Testimony on Senate Bill 2225

This bill would allow nonresidents under the age of 36 to purchase resident small game licenses. Currently a nonresident small game license costs \$75 and a resident small game license costs \$6. There would be a savings of \$69 for each of these nonresidents.

Approximately 30,000 nonresidents purchase North Dakota small game licenses each year. About 38% of these nonresidents are under the age of 36. The number who are past North Dakota residents is difficult to determine, but probably is quite high.

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department opposes this bill for two reasons:

1. It will be administratively very difficult to determine which individuals have been "bona fide" residents of North Dakota in the past. There is not a simple, standardized way to do this. Thousands of people have lived in North Dakota and left for jobs in other places. Thousands have been here for 1-5 year assignments with large companies and the military. We do not have an easy method to determine who is eligible for this. We anticipate that, if passed, the administration of it will involve individual discussions with thousands of people. It will force Game and Fish to handle license sales to these individuals through our Bismarck office rather than through County Auditors and local businesses. It will be too complicated for the license agent sales clerks around the state to handle.
2. The fiscal impact of this bill is very high. It will cost the Department about \$500,000 per biennium in reduced license fees. While the Game and Fish Fund is in good shape now, reductions like this will have to eventually be passed on to other hunters. One of the major reasons that we have low resident hunting and fishing license fees in North Dakota is that nonresidents pay much higher fees.

# North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance

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**TESTIMONY OF LARRY KNOBLICH  
NORTH DAKOTA SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
ON SB 2225, JANUARY 25, 2001**

**MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

I am Larry Knoblich, representing North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance, an organization that traces its beginnings to December 20, 2000, and presently is the spokesman for 2000 sportsmen throughout the state.

The Alliance opposes the passage of SB 2225. We see this bill as offering an opportunity for many more hunters to enter our state to add to already over-burdened hunting pressure and at a reduced rate.

This bill would present an almost impossible maze of birth certificates, proof of former residence, etc. to sort through. The monitoring in the field would be an almost insurmountable problem.

The North Dakota Sportsmen's Alliance offers a do not pass on SB 2225.

*Thank you!* Respectfully,  
*Larry Knoblich*  
Larry Knoblich  
Executive Director

***"To Lobby for the Good of North Dakota Sports Persons"***

January 25, 2001

For: Senate Natural Resources Committee

Reference: SB 2225

The members of the United Sportsmen of North Dakota and the North Dakota Wildlife Federation ask for a do not pass for SB 2225.

We fully understand the state's interest in economic development; and the interest in trying to bring back to the state some former residents.

We do not think this bill would have much impact on either.

We feel (assume) this bill is driven more by special interest to take care of a few family members (non-resident) or friends.

As well, the fiscal note (minus) projected by the Game and Fish Department is a horrendous hit on the outdoors budget.

Please, do not pass!

Thank you

Mike Donahue  
Lobbist #258