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HB 1402

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1402 House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date: January 27, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		3879-5021 (end)
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Chr. Nelson: Open the hearing on HB 1402. Bill was read.

Rep. Drovdal, Dist. 34: I'm the prime sponsor of this bill. When it was suggested to me, I was against it. The more I asked questions about it, looked at it and the more information I got, I began to think I had a great idea. It opens some turkey licenses to be available to nonresidents which may bring some controversy. It only brings *surplus* turkey licenses and only in the fall season. The spring turkey season, which is the one in high demand, won't change. Last year, 3,069 licenses were opened. Not all those licenses are taken. The ones that are not taken, why don't we utilize them to help build some businesses that can use them and help some hunters and let non residents take an opportunity to hunt some surplus game. Turkeys are growing throughout ND. We are starting to face some depredation problems in the areas where they have been for a long time. The bad news, I didn't get enough time to do all the research on the fee. I had it at \$20 and the last one I called said raise it to \$65. I forgot to check the \$2 certification fee, a \$13 general license fee, and an \$85 small game license that they would also have. Maybe that \$20 is something I would ask the committee to look at. The additional \$65 may be just a

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little too much. It puts us way above any other state when you put it all together. I ask for your consideration.

Chr. Nelson: Are there any questions of Rep. Drovdal? Thank you. Is there further testimony in support of HB 1402?

Mike Donahue, ND Wildlife Federation & United Sportsman of ND: We support the bill. We don't have this one in writing.

Chr. Nelson: Any questions of Mr. Donahue? Further testimony in support of HB 1402?

Terri Theel, Dickinson Convention & Visitor's Bureau: (Written testimony attached)

Chr. Nelson: Are there questions of Terri? Seeing none, thank you. Is there further support of HB 1402?

Kyle Blanchfield, Pres., ND Guide & Outfitters Association: We support the bill. These are extra tags and a great opportunity for folks to use them.

Chr. Nelson: Questions for Kyle? Seeing none, thank you. Further testimony in support of HB 1402? Seeing none, is there any opposition to HB 1402?

Curtis Blohm, ND Outdoor Heritage Coalition: (Written testimony attached) Does not support this bill.

Chr. Nelson: Are there questions of Mr. Blohm? Seeing none, thank you. Is there further opposition to HB 1402?

David Munsch: I'm opposed because if this passes, next session someone will be here for a spring turkey license. The only way I could support the bill is if you stayed on the west side of HWY 85 and added, "No spring turkey hunting."

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Chr. Nelson: Any questions of Mr. Munsch? Is there further opposition of HB 1402. Seeing none, I'll close the hearing on HB 1402.

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1402

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 1, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Minutes: Chr. Nelson: I will open the hearing on HB 1402, the non resident turkey bill.

Rep. Drovdal: I visited with Game & Fish when we started to figure what the total cost of this license would be. With all the requirements, it would be very expensive. The answer I got back from Game & Fish was to exempt these particular hunters, the non-resident turkey hunters from purchasing the \$85 upland game license and increase the cost of the stamp to a range within the range of Montana, Minnesota, and South Dakota. What this amendment does is increase the cost to \$80 and exempts them from having to purchase the \$85 upland game license. I'll move the amendment.

Chr. Nelson: Rep. Drovdal moves the amendment, is there a second?

Rep. DeKrey: Second (to the amendment).

Chr. Nelson: Discussion on the amendment? For \$80 a non resident will be able to hunt turkeys. The fiscal impact will be negligible.

Drovdal: The only license to be sold to non residents will be those left over after the residents get their crack at it.

DeKrey: My question is, is this limited to the fall hunt?

Drovdal: It is definitely limited to the fall hunt.

Rep. Hanson: Question.

Chr. Nelson: Question has been called on the proposed amendment. I will call for a voice vote on the amendment. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

DeKrey: I'll move **Do Pass as Amended**.

Charging: Second

Chr. Nelson: Rep. DeKrey has moved a Do Pass as Amended, Seconded by Rep. Charging. Committee discussion?

Rep. Hunskor: Just two thoughts after chatting with people at home, first, an individual said there is a limited number of resident turkey tags, there are not enough to meet resident demand. I don't know if that is true or not. Second, if we allow fall hunting, the next thing will be spring hunting.

Drovdal: The door is open anytime somebody wants to make a deal, but knock that down if you can. The first one is only license left over *after* residents get theirs. It doesn't take one license away from anybody; if there are none left, there is none to sell to non residents. It will only be those left over in the zone they are left over in.

Chr. Nelson: Further committee discussion? Hearing none, I will call for a vote on a Do Pass as Amended Motion on HB 1402, and have the clerk call the roll.

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Do Pass as Amended, Vote: 11-Yeas; 2-Nays; 1-Absent; Carrier: Charging

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council 02/07/2005

Amendment to:

HB 1402

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.

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-200	7 Biennium	2007-2009 Biennium		
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	
Revenues				\$7,200		\$7,200	
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Appropriations							

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

2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			
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2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

This bill establishes a nonresident wild turkey hunting license with a fee of \$80. Currently only resident licenses are issued and these cost \$8.

- 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.

It is difficult to estimate the number of nonresidents who would purchase these new licenses. For this estimate the sale of 50 nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses per year is used. This results in an increase in revenue of \$72 per license for a revenue increase of \$3,600 per year or \$7,200/biennium for the Game and Fish Fund.

- 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.

Name:	Paul Schadewald	Agency:	ND Game and Fish Department
Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	02/07/2005

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council 01/18/2005

Bill/Resolution No.:

HB 1402

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

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007	7 Biennium	2007-2009 Biennium		
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	
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1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

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

This bill establishes a nonresident wild turkey hunting license with a fee of \$65. Currently only resident licenses are issued and these cost \$8.

- 3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:
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It is difficult to estimate the number of nonresidents who would purchase these new licenses. For this estimate the sale of fifty nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses per year is used. This results in an increase in revenue of \$57 per license for a revenue increase of \$2850 per year or \$5700/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.

Name:	Paul Schadewald	Agency:	ND Game and Fish Department
Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	01/18/2005

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for Representative Drovdal February 1, 2005

House Amendments to HB 1402 - Natural Resources Committee 02/02/2005

Page 1, line 3, after "reenact" insert "subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-07," and after "20.1-03-12" insert a comma

Page 1, after line 5, insert:

"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Hunt, catch, take, or kill any small game without a nonresident small game license. The nonresident small game license entitles the nonresident to hunt small game for any period of ten consecutive days or any two periods of five consecutive days each. The hunting period for which the license is valid must be designated on the license. A nonresident small game license is not required to hunt waterfowl under section 20.1-03-07.1 or wild turkeys under section 20.1-04-07. A nonresident may purchase more than one nonresident small game license per year."

Page 1, line 11, replace "sixty-five" with "eighty"

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1402, as amended, Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Nelson, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (11 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1402, as amended, was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 3, after "reenact" insert "subsection 1 of section 20.1-03-07," and after "20.1-03-12" insert a comma

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Renumber accordingly

2005 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1402

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1402

Senate Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 3, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Minutes:

Senator Stanley Lyson, Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee opened the hearing on HB 1402 relating to hunting of wild turkey by nonresidents.

All members of the committee were present.

Representative David Drovdal of District 39 prime sponsor of HB 1402 introduced the bill stating a constituent approached him about hunting licenses to hunt wild turkey by nonresidents. In investigated turkey licenses he can to realize that they are not enough residents applying for the fall hunting season to control the population of turkeys. This might be the time to propose this license and it will not cost one resident license. It will take care of the surplus of turkeys and it takes care of depredation problems caused by the turkeys. There has been opposition to the bill as this is commercializing our natural resources. The fee for the license has been determined by the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department and is comparable to the fee of the surrounding states.

Senator Lyson asked for testimony in opposition to HB 1402.

David Munsch testified in opposition to HB 1402 on his on behalf stating this should not be opened to nonresidents and give the residents multiple tags if numbers of turkeys need to be controlled.

Mike Donahue (28.8) representing the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsmen of North Dakota testified in opposition to HB 1402 (See attached testimony suggesting an amendment).

Harold Neameyer (28.8) representing the Cass County Wildlife Club testified in opposition to HB 1402 (see attached testimony). The club agrees with the amendment as proposed by Mike Donahue.

Senator Lyson stated the reason of this bill is for the fall hunt to control the numbers and can't understand the opposition.

Harold Neameyer understands this but the club is concerned about the unknown and what might be coming down the road.

Senator Ben Tollefson asked if it was more acceptable if there was a limit on the number of nonresident licenses sold.

Harold Neameyer thought that might be acceptable.

Senator Joel Heitkamp asked if with Mike Donahue's amendment and the suggestion of Senator Tollefson, would that solve the problem.

Harold Neameyer agreed that would pretty much take care of their concerns.

Dennis Daniels testifying on his own behalf stated he is opposed to HB 1402 but with the adoption of Mike Donahue's amendment could then support HB 1402.

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Senator Lyson asked for testimony in a neutral position of HB 1402.

Roger Rostvet, Deputy Director of the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department testified the department is neutral and distributed to the committee a table showing the number of permits left over after each drawing (see attached).

Senator Heitkamp asked if the department has a good handle on the number of turkeys available for hunting.

Roger Rostvet admitted the department has the least amount of information on turkeys than any other species because they are very difficult to track and manage.

Senator Lyson closed the hearing on HB 1402.

Senator Heitkamp asked that the committee hold off with action on the bill until later as he has a possible amendment he would like to propose. The committee will return in the afternoon.

Senator Lyson opened committee work on HB 1402.

All members of the committee were present except Senator John Traynor.

Discussion was held in regards to the amendments and that from conversations with the prime sponsor, he did not care the amendments. This bill will not take anything away from resident hunters.

Senator Heitkamp made a motion to adopt an amendment that on Page 2, Line 4, after "available to" to insert "resident and".

Senator Ben Tollefson second the motion.

Roll call vote #1 for adoption of the amendment was taken by voice vote indicating 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 1 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

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Senator Tollefson made a motion for a Do Pass as Amended of HB 1402

Senator Heitkamp second the motion.

Roll call vote #2 for a Do Pass as Amended of HB 1402 was taken indicating 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS

AND 1 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Tollefson will carry HB 1402.

Adopted by the Natural Resources Committee March 3, 2005

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1402

Page 2, line 4, after "to" insert "residents and"
Renumber accordingly

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) March 4, 2005 9:06 a.m.

Module No: SR-40-4145 Carrier: Tollefson

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1402, as engrossed: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Lyson, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1402 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 2, line 4, after "to" insert "residents and"

Renumber accordingly

2005 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1402

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1402

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 24, 2005

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Minutes:

Chr. David Drovdal: I will call the conference committee for the House Natural Resources to order and open the conference committee hearing on HB 1402. Karen, will you call the roll.

Members Present: Senators Stan Lyson, Jack Traynor, Joel Heitkamp and Representatives David Drovdal, Mike Norland, and Dorvan Solberg. The reason for this conference committee is that proposed amendments have been offered.

Sen. Stan Lyson: We added "residents" to the bill.

Chr. Drovdal: Yes. Also, on Pg. 2, Ln. 4, "The governor shall make available to nonresidents any permits remaining after the resident fall drawing." The problem is that it's not in the current language that a *resident* can come in for the surplus licenses.

Sen. Lyson: I think we were asked to add it by the Game & Fish.

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Chr. Drovdal: I spoke to Game & Fish, and they forgot to put it in the resident wild turkey language. My concern is this. In the House committee, we heard testimony regarding the negative issue with non residents being allowed to buy remaining wild turkey permits. It's possible that may create a backlash of anti-non residents, and that some will purchase the extra licenses out of spite just so non residents can't buy them.

Sen. Lyson: We can alleviate that fear, maybe by having another season.

Rep. Dorvan Solberg: It's not a fear of mine. Do you think there is actually misconduct regarding the residents that are non resident haters? I can't believe that anyone would pay the money to buy up turkey licenses just to keep someone else from hunting. Haven't there been turkey licenses left over?

Rep. Mike Norland: I agree with Rep. Solberg. As a resident, for two years I bought my turkey permit at the Game & Fish office and never had a problem. I just walked in. There were always permits available. I wasn't there the first day, either. It was weeks later and there were lots of tags left.

Sen. Joel Heitkamp: I'm not sure where you all live. In our area there are many turkeys. To keep the non residents out, (unknown) increased the budget (unknown).

Sen. Lyson: The purpose of this bill is to hunt with the surplus, not to interfere with resident hunting licenses.

Chr. Drovdal: Yes, that's exactly right. I have another question. Can groups like the Sierra Club, or a wildlife or hunting club come in and buy up turkey permits for their group or to sell to others and make a profit, or just to prevent turkey hunting for non residents?

Sen. Jack Traynor: I think it has to be an individual purchase, not groups.

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Sen. Heitkamp: Can an organization do that? It would take some organizing, and I don't see them organizing to do that.

Sen. Traynor: Last fall, I applied for a turkey permit with my grand children. I understand that each of us could get three licenses under the law. Why not make the extra licenses available to both residents and non residents?

Chr. Drovdal: They already are available to both.

Sen. Traynor: Under what statute?

Sen. Lyson: By proclamation.

Chr. Drovdal: (The chairman welcomed a group of visiting high school students, and explained the bill to them). Is everyone in agreement with these proceedings, and if so, what is your recommendation?

Sen. Lyson: I see no changes that would affect the Senate wishes.

Chr. Drovdal: If there is no further discussion, I will now entertain a motion.

Rep. Norland: I move that the House accede and concur with the Senate amendments.

Rep. Solberg: Second.

Chr. Drovdal: We have a motion by Rep. Norland, and a second by Rep. Solberg. Is there further committee discussion? Seeing none, I will ask the clerk to call the roll:

Motion that the House accede to the Senate amendments, vote:

6-Yeas; 0-Nays; 0-Absent

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (ACCEDE/RECEDE) - 420

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (420)
April 6, 2005 11:46 a.m.

Module No: HR-63-7439

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1402, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Lyson, Traynor, Heitkamp and Reps. Drovdal, Norland, Solberg) recommends that the HOUSE ACCEDE to the Senate amendments on HJ page 955 and place HB 1402 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1402 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

HB 1402

Curt Blohm 1681 Cologne Drive Bismarck, North Dakota 58504

House Bill No. 1402

Reference: Sets a nonresident turkey hunting license fee and

allows nonresident licenses after the resident fall

season drawing.

House Natural Resources Committee

Hearing Date: January 27, 2005

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman and Committee members. My name is Curtis Blohm. I appear before you today representing the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Coalition. This coalition was founded out of the need for representation before the legislative committee by North Dakota citizens concerned for the preservation of our unique outdoor recreational heritage.

The ND Outdoor Heritage Coalition does not support the content of this bill. Spring turkey tags are very much in demand and the state would better be served by moving the tag allotments not utilized in the fall drawing into the spring season or increase the number of birds per tag in areas with an overpopulation of birds. Opening the drawing to nonresident hunters for turkey will only lead to additional commercialization and less access for the general North Dakota hunter.

Thank You.

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Convention & Visitors Bureau

January 27, 2005

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Natural Resources Committee, my name is Terri Thiel and I am the Executive Director of the Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau is in favor of House Bill 1402.

The availability of nonresident wild turkey licenses provides another market for new economic dollars into the state, which is a positive tool for many of our rural communities.

All other licenses issued by the ND Game & Fish Dept. that I am aware of in North Dakota offer a nonresident license. This bill would enable visitors who have never been to North Dakota to experience another form of hunting recreation, and it would also provide residents who once lived in our state the opportunity to once again hunt wild turkeys.

Please support House Bill 1402.

Sincerely

Terri Thiel

Executive Director

Fax: (701) 483-9261 E-mail: cvb@dickinsoncvb.com

North Dakota Wildlife Federation



Abundant wildlife and wildlife habitat, and access to wildlife recreational opportunities

3/3/2005

For: Senate Natural Resources Committee

Reference: HB 1402

The United Sportsmen of North Dakota and the North Dakota Wildlife Federation urge you to make a minor amendment to this bill and we can support it.

At page two, line 4: after "available to" insert residents and.

We understand that at this point the Turkey Permit would be an over the counter first-come first – served. Similar to the whitetail deer 3rd iteration.

With the amendment we would ask for a Do Pass.

Thank you, Mike Donahue Lobbyist #275





Cass County WILDLIFE CLUB

Box 336 Casselton, ND 58012



TESTIMONY OF HAROLD NEAMEYER CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB

PRESENTED TO THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON

HB 1402

March 3, 2005

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Club is opposed to HB 1402 because it limits excess licenses to non residents in Section 4. It should include residents.

The Club is also fearful that if passed, this bill will lead to opening the spring season to non residents as well in the next session, this then leads to outfitters and paid turkey hunting.

The Club is opposed to what may happen in future years.



Units with Turkey licenses left after the first drawing

FALL DRAWING

<u>Unit</u>	2004	2003	2002	<u>20</u> 01	2000	1997
3	92		_		-	
4	161	185	120	129	133	40
6	32					13
10						6
13	535	265	88			
15	50	71	29	42	59	4
17	705	560	115	159	183	
19	469	547	216	85		
21	48	42				
25	124					
27	561	295	132			
30		108				
31		45				
·44	66	106	35	17		
45	65	27		22		
51	132				•	
99	29					
Total	3069	2251	735	454	375	63

There have been turkey licenses left over after the first drawing for the Spring Turkey season.