

2011 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 2235

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Natural Resources Committee
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2235
January 27, 2011
13571

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature <i>Monica Spaulding</i>

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to hunting of waterfowl by nonresidents

Minutes:

Testimony Attached

Chairman Lyson opened the hearing on SB 2235.

Senator Klein introduced the bill. People with grown children who have moved out of state brought the idea for this bill to him. He also is aware of the possible economic impact of this bill on our state.

In favor: **Mike Rud**, President of ND Petroleum Marketers and ND Retail Association, spoke in favor of the bill for the same reasons Senator Klein put forth. It is good for the economy and our retailers.

In favor: **Alexis Brinkman** presented written testimony on behalf of Dana Bohn, Executive Director of Tourism Alliance Partnership. See **Attachment #1**.

In opposition: **Foster Ray Hager** presented written testimony. See **Attachment #2**. The non-resident hunters already have adequate time to come here and hunt. This bill appears to help the hunters in neighboring states.

Mike Donahue, ND Wildlife Federation, spoke in opposition to the bill. He feels this would put pressure on access to the land, and pressure on the wildlife. We feel we are at a good balance and feel we ought to leave it alone.

Senator Triplett: You represent wildlife clubs across the state, is that right?

Mike Donahue: Most of our clubs are in the central and in the eastern part of the state.

Senator Triplett: It seems there is more support for economic development coming from the western part of the state than from the eastern part. The eastern part of the state is more concerned about the pressure. Where would you draw the line from speaking to club members? Where does the competition for hunting time and space get critical?

Mike Donahue: Wherever the birds are, that's where the pressure is.

In Opposition: **Nancy Beuchler** representing the United Sportsmen of North Dakota, an association of approximately 600 sportspeople throughout the state, spoke in opposition to the bill. They feel the balance has already been struck and would like leave it as it is.

Chairman Lyson: Closed the hearing on SB 2235.

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Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature *Veronica Spaulding*

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to hunting of waterfowl by nonresidents

Minutes:

No Attachments

Chairman Lyson opened the discussion on SB 2235.

Senator Hogue made a Do Pass motion.

Senator Uglem: Second

Roll Call Vote: 4-2-1

Carrier: Senator Uglem

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
01/18/2011

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2235

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.*

	2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues		\$0		\$0		\$0
Expenditures		\$0		\$0		\$0
Appropriations		\$0		\$0		\$0

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

2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium			2013-2015 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Nonresidents are allowed to purchase only one waterfowl license per year. This bill expands the options for nonresident hunting periods to include a three 4-day hunting period in addition to the current two 7-day hunting periods. The new three 4-day hunting period would be at the same price.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

We do not anticipate a change in the number of licenses sold based on this bill. Nonresident hunters can only purchase one waterfowl license per year and they will pick which hunting period option meets their needs. The addition of the three 4-day hunting periods will have no fiscal impact on license sales.

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.*

none

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.*

none

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

none

Name:	Kim Molesworth	Agency:	ND Game and Fish Dept.
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Phone Number: 328-6605

Date Prepared: 01/19/2011

Date: 1-28-11
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2235

Senate Natural Resources Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended Adopt Amendment
 Rerefer to Appropriations Reconsider

Motion Made By Hogue Seconded By Uglen

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Lyson	✓		Senator Schneider		✓
Vice-Chair Hogue	✓		Senator Triplett		
Senator Burckhard		✓			
Senator Freborg	✓				
Senator Uglen	✓				

Total (Yes) 4 No 2

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Uglen

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2235: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Lyson, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2235 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2011 TESTIMONY

SB 2235

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North Dakota

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Association of North Dakota

Devils Lake CVB

Dickinson CVB

Fargo-Moorhead CVB

Fort Abraham
Lincoln Foundation

Grand Forks CVB

International Peace Garden

Lewis & Clark Fort
Mandan Foundation

Minot CVB

Municipal Airport Authority
of the City of Fargo

ND Tourism Division (ex-officio)

Newman Outdoor Advertising

Norsk Hostfest Association

Odney Communications Group

Select Inn of Bismarck

Spirit Lake Casino and Resort

State Historical Society of
North Dakota Foundation

Theodore Roosevelt
Medora Foundation

Three Affiliated Tribes
Tourism Dept.

Sour Lake
Mountain
Band of Chippewa Indians

Williston CVB

Woodland Resort, Inc.

Testimony of Dana Bohn
Tourism Alliance Partnership Executive Director
SB 2235

Chairman Lyson and members of the Senate Natural Resources committee, my name is Dana Bohn and I am representing the North Dakota Tourism Alliance Partnership (TAP). TAP is a coalition of tourism-related industries including convention and visitors bureaus (CVBs), state attractions, businesses and other stakeholders in the viable and growing tourism sector of North Dakota's economy. I am here today in support of SB 2235 and urge a do pass on the bill.

Tourism is one of the largest industries in North Dakota, offering some of the best opportunities for economic development in the state, and hunting and fishing are important components of the tourism industry. Each year, 139,000 people hunt in North Dakota and the average hunter spends \$729 annually. The total economic impact of hunting on the state is \$278 million.

Currently, the state's nonresident waterfowl licenses are valid for 14 consecutive days or two seven-day periods. SB 2235 establishes a nonresident waterfowl license that is valid for three four-day periods. This, in turn, will allow provide visiting hunters with more planning flexibility and the option to return to the state on additional hunting trips. This will also benefit residents of our neighboring states by providing an extra weekend to make a trip to hunt in our state.

North Dakota is attractive to outdoor enthusiasts from across the country and 23,625 nonresident waterfowl licenses were purchased in 2010. The dollars that out-of-state hunters bring to North Dakota are new money and benefit many tourism related business across that state. TAP supports initiative that bring tourists to North Dakota and we believe providing a more flexible option for nonresidents waterfowl hunters will help to bring additional visitors and dollars to our state. We ask for your support of SB 2235.

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TESTIMONY OF FOSTER RAY HAGER
CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
on
SB 2235
January 27, 2011

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Foster Ray Hager speaking on behalf of the Cass County Wildlife Club.

The Cass County Wildlife club opposes S.B. 2235.

The club feels that an increase from two seven (7) day periods to three four day periods will put undue pressure on the migratory birds causing many birds to leave the state.

Three four day periods really means three weekends. Therefore our youth who are in school and our resident hunters will have to compete another weekend with non-residents.

It appears that this bill will benefit the non-residents in our border states.

