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2003 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES SB 2215

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### 2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2215

Senate Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-6-03

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Minutes:

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Senator Thomas Fischer, Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee opened the hearing on SB 2215 relating to the moose and elk hunting license raffle.

All members of the convittee were present.

Senator Rick Wardner of District 37 cosponsor of SB 2215 introduced the bill stating the way the bill is drafted it basically tells the whole story. An amendment to the bill would make one raffle with the moose and the elk. There would be a drawing with a winner of each tag and then the proceeds being split half to each the Game Warden's Museum and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to be used for projects in North Dakota.

Bill Kiefer representing the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation testified in support of SB 2215.

They would be willing to partner up with the Game Warden Museum at the Peace Garden.

**Dick Knapp** of the Game Warden's Museum testified in support of SB 2215. He explained the organization and listed the many projects they provide. He stated this would be a win-win

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situation with this partnership. He listed the grants and the plans for the economics of the museum project.

Gene Masse, President of the North Dakota Game Wardens Association testified in support of SB 2215 (See attached testimony).

<u>Delbert Tibke</u>, President of the Game Warden's Museum testified in support of SB 2215 He stated there are 87 life membership and feels this will be a great asset to the tourism industry in North Dakota. It will also be economic development for the Peace Gardens. This museum will contain a hall of honor for wardens who have fallen in the line of duty.

<u>Harold Neameyer</u> representing the Cass county Wildlife Club testified in support of SB 2215 (See attached testimony).

Mike Donahue, representing the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsmen testified these two organizations support SB 2215.

Brad Hydel the Regional Director of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation testified in support of SB 2215. He is the person who actually facilitates the raffle in the state.

Senator Fischer asked for any opposing or neutral testimony of SB 2215.

Senator Fischer closed the hearing on SB 2215.

Senator John Traynor made a motion for a Do Pass of SB 2215.

Senator Ben Tollefson second the motion.

Roll call vote was taken indicating 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Traynor will carry SB 2215.

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### Requested by Legislative Council 03/11/2003

Amendment to:

SB 2215

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.

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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.

There is no fiscal impact for the ND Game and Fish Department.

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.
- 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 T. Schadewald | Agency:        | ND Game and Fish Department |
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| Phone Number: | 328-6328           | Date Prepared: | 03/11/2003                  |

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### Requested by Legislative Council 01/16/2003

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## 2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 22/5

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| Senators                         | Yes                                   | No                                     | Senators                 | Yes      | No                                     |
| Senator Thomas Fischer           |                                       |  | Senator Michael A. Every | · ·      |  |
| Senator Ben Tollefson            |                                       |  | Senator Joel C. Heitkamp | V        |  |
| Senator Layton Freborg           |                                       |  |                          |          |  |
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) February 7, 2003 8:48 a.m.

Module No: SR-24-1941 Carrier: Traynor Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2215: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Fischer, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2215 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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#### 2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### **BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2215**

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 7, 2003

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Minutes:

Chair Nelson called the hearing on SB 2215 relating to the moose and elk hunting license raffles to order.

Sen. Wardner: Introduced SB 2215 and amendments. (See Attached Amendments) The amendments will allow both the moose and elk raffles to be conducted simultaneously. Up to 10% can be used for expenses. The rest for wildlife management issues.

Rep. Hanson: No sunset on this one.

Sen. Wardner: Yes.

Rep. Hanson: They are both nationwide and nontransferable.

Sen. Wardner: Correct.

Rep. Hunskor: 2 organizations raffle 1 of each. Why are we doing this.

Sen. Wardner: The game wardens like the resources of energy from the rocky mountain elk

foundation. The foundation is not nationwide. So they can work well together.

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Dick Knapp: Director NAWEA. Testified in support of SB 2215. Described the organization and it mission and the museum project. We would be splitting the proceeds 50-50. Our half would go to the museum. The elk foundation would use it on habitat.

Chair Nelson: 15% has resulted in acquired land. That is in turtle mountains correct?

Dick Knapp: Correct. I am not certain of the acreage.

Chair Nelson: What do you do as far as habitat?

Dick Knapp: We partnered with the game and fish department which is turned over to Game and Fish for wildlife habitat. They are left in natural state.

Chair Nelson: Could this be done by partnering with private landowners?

Dick Knapp: Habitat protection is better done with Game and Fish.

Gene Massie: Testified in support of SB 2215. (See Attached Testimony)

Chair Nelson closes the hearing on SB 2215.

Rep. DeKrey moves the amendment seconded by Rep. Klein.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Rep. Keiser moved Do Pass as amended seconded by Rep. DeKrey. Motion passes by a vote of 10-0-4. Rep. Norland will carry.

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)** March 10, 2003 9:31 a.m.

Module No: HH-42-4305 Carrier: Norland

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Insert LC: 30361.0101 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2215: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Nelson, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2215 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, replace "subsection" with "subsections 7 and"

Page 1, line 5, replace "Subsection" with "Subsections 7 and"

Page 1, line 6, replace "is" with "are"

Page 1, after line 6, insert:

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"7. A resident who has executed a lease for at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land and who actively farms or ranches that land or a resident who holds title to at least one hundred sixty acres [64.75 hectares] of land is eligible to apply for a license to hunt elk upon filing a signed application describing that land and payment of the fee requirement for a resident big game license. The land must be within a unit open for the hunting of elk. The license must include a legal description of the eligible land described in the completed application and may be used to hunt elk within the district or unit in which the land described in the completed application is located. Upon request, a lessee shall provide proof that the land described in the completed application is leased for agricultural purposes. A resident who is eligible for a license under this subsection may transfer that eligibility for the license to a spouse or legal dependent residing customarily with the resident, but no more than one license may be issued under this subsection for any qualifying land. A resident transferring eligibility under this subsection is not eligible to apply for a license to hunt elk in future years but is eligible to participate in the rocky-mountain elk-foundation raffle under section 20.1-08-04.6. If not otherwise specified in an agricultural lease, the landowner is entitled to receive the license. The governor's proclamation may restrict the districts or units for which preferential licenses may be issued under this subsection. However, the governor shall give primary consideration to allowing preferential licenses under this subsection to be issued to persons owning or leasing land in the following areas: that portion of township one hundred forty-seven north, range ninety-five west which is north and west of state highway 22; township one hundred forty-six north, range ninety-six west; township one hundred forty-seven north, range ninety-six west; township one hundred forty-eight north, range ninety-six west; township one hundred forty-six north, range ninety-seven west; township one hundred forty-seven north, range ninety-seven west; township one hundred forty-eight north, range ninety-seven west of the fifth principal meridian, in Dunn County; the west one-half of township one hundred forty-nine north, range ninety-five west; township one hundred forty-nine north, range ninety-six west, and township one hundred forty-nine north, range ninety-seven west of the fifth principal meridian, in McKenzie County; and other areas within a district or unit open for hunting of elk as prescribed in the governor's proclamation. The number of licenses issued under this subsection for each designated district or unit for hunting elk may not exceed fifteen percent of the total licenses prescribed in the governor's proclamation for each district or unit. If the number of applications for licenses to be issued under this subsection in a district or unit exceeds the maximum number of such licenses allocated to that district or unit, the licenses to be issued must be issued by lottery as

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prescribed in the governor's proclamation. A person who receives a license under this subsection is not eligible to apply for a license to hunt elk in future years but is eligible to participate in the recky mountain-olk foundation raffle under section 20.1-08-04.6. Notwithstanding this subsection, if a person other than the transferee of license eligibility is unsuccessful in harvesting an elk under this subsection, that person may return the unused license to the department and is eligible to apply for, but not transfer, a one-time additional license to hunt elk in future years. A person who receives a second license under this subsection is not eligible to participate in the recky mountain elk foundation raffle under section 20.1-08-04.6. Licenses to hunt elk may not be issued under this subsection when the total number of licenses prescribed in the governor's proclamation is less than twenty. If a person receives a license under this subsection, the person's spouse, children, and parents living with the person are not eligible to receive a license under this subsection for the district or unit in which the land described in the completed application is located, unless the person has sold or otherwise transferred the person's rights to the land described in the completed application. The director may Issue special elk depredation management licenses to landowners in designated areas around Theodore Roosevelt national park upon payment of the fee requirement for a resident big game license. The provisions of this section governing the number of licenses issued for each designated district or unit for hunting elk do not apply to special elk depredation management licenses and a person who receives such a license under this subsection is eligible to apply for a license to hunt elk in future years and is eligible to participate in the recky mountain elk foundation raffle under section 20.1-08-04.6.\*

- Page 3, line 3, remove the overstrike over "North" and after "association" insert "American wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational center and the"
- Page 3, line 5, remove the overstrike over "North" and after "association" insert "American wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational center and the"
- Page 3, line 9, overstrike "remitted to the department and"
- Page 3, line 10, overstrike "and" and insert immediately thereafter "or other wildlife and in conservation" and after "state" insert "as described under rocky mountain elk foundation policies and objectives"
- Page 3, line 11, overstrike "officers"
- Page 3, line 12, overstrike "association game warden museum" and insert immediately thereafter "memorial museum and educational center"
- Page 3, line 14, after "The" insert "North American wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational center and the"
- Page 3, line 15, remove "moose license"
- Page 3, line 16, overstrike "and one license to hunt moose through the"
- Page 3, line 17, remove "rocky mountain elk foundation moose license" and overstrike "raffle"
- Page 3, line 26, after "foundation" insert "and the North American wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational center"

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- Page 3, line 27, after "foundation" insert "and the North American wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational center"
- Page 3, line 29, after "and" insert "fifty percent of"
- Page 3, line 30, overstrike "and" and insert immediately thereafter "or other wildlife and conservation"
- Page 3, line 31, after "objectives" insert "and all remaining net proceeds must be used for construction and maintenance of the North American wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational center located at the international peace garden"
- Page 4, line 1, after "foundation" insert "and the North American wildlife enforcement memorial museum and educational center"
- Page 4, line 5, overstrike "and one nontransferable license to hunt elk"
- Page 4, line 6, overstrike "through the rocky mountain elk foundation raffle"

Renumber accordingly

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**FEBRUARY 6, 2003** 

**REF: SB 2215** 

FROM: EUGENE J. MASSE PRESIDENT, ND GAME WARDEN ASSN. 1101 1<sup>ST</sup>. AVE. NORTH NEW ROCKFORD, ND 58356

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS LEGISLATION BE PASSED. THE ND GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS THAT THIS BILL BE PASSED INTO LAW BY THE LEGISLATURE.

AS PRESIDENT OF THE ND GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATION, I WOULD FIRST

AS PRESIDENT OF THE ND GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATION, I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THE GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATION TO HOLD THE PREVIOUS RAFFLES. IT HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL.

THE ASSOCIATION HAS SPONSORED THIS PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING FUNDS FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM & EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE LAST 9 YEARS.

TO DATE OUR SMALL GROUP HAS RAISED \$146,251.57 FOR THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT. WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED \$21,600.01 TO THE GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT FOR MOOSE MANAGEMENT IN ND. THIS WORK WILL RESULT IN THE BUILDING OF A STRUCTURE STARTING THIS YEAR. THIS BUILDING WILL NOT BE ALL THAT IS PLANNED BUT WE HAVE ENOUGH FOR A START. MANY OTHER STATE & PROVINCIAL GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATIONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS ALSO.

WE FEEL THAT THIS CHANGE WILL BE GOOD FOR BOTH ORGANIZATIONS AND NORTH DAKOTA. IT WILL CONTINUE TO RAISE SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS TO CONTINUE THIS PROJECT.

EVERY PERSON THAT HAS WON THE MOOSE RAFFLE HAS SUCCESSFULLY TAKEN A MOOSE. IT IS POPULAR WITH THE SPORTSMEN. WE USUALLY GET PEOPLE ASKING FOR TICKETS AT THIS TIME EVERY YEAR.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS LEGISLATION.

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# Cass County WILDLIFE CLUB

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# TESTIMONY OF HAROLD NEAMEYER CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB RESENTED TO THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMIT

PRESENTED TO THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE ON SB 2215, FEBRUARY 6, 2003

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Harold Neameyer speaking on behalf of the Cass County Wildlife Club. The Cass County Wildlife Club supports SB 2215 to allow the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to raffle off a moose license.

The bill supports elk management, which is a positive action. In addition, funds are also used to promote the game warden museum.

This bill seems to be a win-win bill and the club lends its full support.



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FROM: EUGENE J. MASSE PRESIDENT, ND GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATION 1101 1<sup>ST</sup>. AVE. NORTH NEW ROCKFORD, ND 58356

I AND THE ND GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS LEGISLATION BE PASSED.

AS PRESIDENT OF THE ND GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATION I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THE GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATION TO HOLD THE PREVIOUS RAFFLES. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL.

THE ASSOCIATION HAS SPONSORED THIS PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING FUNDS FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM & EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE LAST 9 YEARS. WE ARE PRESENTLY CONDUCTING OUR TENTH RAFFLE FOR THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE.

TO DATE OUR SMALL GROUP HAS RAISED OVER \$146,250 FOR THIS. WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED \$21,600 TO THE GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT FOR MOOSE MANAGEMENT IN ND. THIS WORK WILL RESULT IN THE BUILDING OF A STRUCTURE, STARTING THIS YEAR. THIS BUILDING WILL NOT BE ALL THAT IS PLANNED BUT WE HAVE ENOUGH FOR A START. MANY OTHER STATE & PROVINCIAL GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATIONS HAVE CONGRIBUTED TO THIS ALSO.

WE FEEL THAT THIS CHANGE WILL HELP BOTH ORGANIZATIONS AND ND. IT WILL CONTINUE TO RAISE SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS TO CONTINUE WITH THIS PROJECT. WE HAVE WORKED WITH THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION ON HABITAT PROGRAMS AND THEY HAVE GIVEN US A GRANT AND PARTICIPATED IN OTHER FUND RAISING PROJECTS. WE ARE THE ONLY ORGANIZATION THAT IS ALLOWED TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS AT THEIR FUNDRAISING DINNERS. THEY HAVE A NETWORK THAT SHOULD INCREASE SALES FOR THE MUSEUM. THESE CHANGES SHOULD BENEFIT BOTH ORGANIZATIONS.

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# TESTIMONY OF HAROLD NEAMEYER CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE ON SB 2215, MARCH 7, 2003

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Cass County Wildlife Club supports this bill which allows the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to raffle one moose license.

The warden's museum benefits as well as elk management. We feel it is a win-win bill and lend our support.



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