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SB 2113

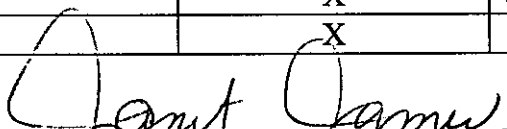
2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2113

Senate Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 21, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0.0 - end
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		X	14.1 - 14.4
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

**Senator Stanley Lyson** Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee brought the committee meeting to order.

All committee members were present.

**Senator Lyson** opened the hearing on SB 2113 relating to nonresident hunters.

**Senator Lyson** turned the meeting over to vice chairman **Senator Ben Tollefson**.

**Senator Stanley Lyson** of District 1 sponsor of SB 2113 presented the bill to the committee stating several reasons for its inception. Where he lives there is a lot of farm land and upland game hunting. This bill is not written exactly the way he had initially intended, does need some tweaking and asked the committee to keep an open mind about the bill. He stated that only 5% of the out of state hunter hunting in the state are former residents. A large present of those former residents returning to hunt are land owners and why should we keep them and those who want to hunt here out of the state. This is a good bill and is necessary for the state.

**Senator Joel Heitkamp** asked if the education requirement within the bill is to prove that the nonresident hunter was living in the state at one time. He also asked why the forfeit rules were so strict.

**Senator Lyson** confirmed the process to confirm former residency and stated that each requirement for the license would be the responsibility of the hunter and would not be a burden on the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department. The strict forfeit rules are to pacify others and to identify the true dedicated nonresident hunters.

**Dana Bohn** (9.1) Executive Director of the North Dakota Tourism Alliance Partnership testified in support of SB 2213 stating this is a tourism friendly bill and therefore support it.

**Bill Shalloob** (10.6) representing the North Dakota Hospitality Association testified in support of SB 2113 stating the bill would increase tourism in the state which is good for North Dakota.

**Senator Lyson** asked for opposing testimony.

**Keith Groven** of Fargo, North Dakota testified in opposition to SB 2113. He read a letter from Nick Simonson who practices law in Valley City. This letter gave the history of his education and his choice to practice in the state at a much lower income level in order to be close to family and his passion of hunting and fishing. He stated he is unhappy with the idea of nonresidents who left the state for greener pastures but still expect to be treated like residents and be able to hunt and fish as if they are still residents for a small fee. This bill will reward those who have migrated out of the state and does nothing to encourage young people to stay in the North Dakota. The "Native Sons" bills is not far to those have stayed in the state who have chosen the quality of life over the almighty dollar. This bill will reduce the revenue income for the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department and increase hunter pressure. A no vote on SB 2113 will show the support of

the state and resident hunters. On his on behalf Keith further stated he himself has made a choice to stay in North Dakota although he has had to take a drastic wage reduction in order for him to fulfill his passion to hunt and fish in the state. He stated to pass this bill would be a complete slap in the face to those who chose to stay here for our quality of life of which hunting and fishing is a big part, so that others who have left can enjoy the same benefits that we gave up. If someone has left the state and no longer pays taxes or are a part of the state's social fabric, they have given up the privilege to hunt and fish in the state for the price of resident fees. He further stated the state would be at a fiscal lose if this billed passed not realizing there is a positive fiscal note on the bill. Finally he added that SB 2113 is not about hunting and fishing but about out migration in the state and keeping young people here.

**Senator John Traynor** asked if under SB 2113 could a nonresident hunter who has this life time license be able to hunt the first opening week of the season along with the North Dakota resident hunters.

As SB 2113 is currently written this would be the case.

When asked if **Keith Groven** feels hunter pressure, he admitted he does see it when he is waterfowl hunting but not so when fishing.

**Dennis Daniel** (24.5) testified on his own behalf in opposition to SB 2113 stating that if the bill is passed he can easily leave the state and still have the same hunting benefits as living in North Dakota. He stated that if the bill is passed an amendment should be added that includes only states that reciprocate this nonresident license type.

**Senator Lyson** stated that Minnesota, Iowa, Colorado and Nebraska all have similar bills.

**Harold Neameyer** (30.2) representing the Cass County WildLife Club testified in opposition to SB 2113 (See attached testimony). They are not opposed to some kind of relief for former residents of North Dakota in regards to hunting and fishing fees, but do not feel this is bill is the answer.

**John Kopp** (35.4) representing the North Dakota Wildlife Federation presented written testimony of their lobbyist **Mike Donahue** in opposition to SB 2113 ( See attached testimony).

**Daniel Munsch** testified on his own behalf in opposition to SB 2113 stating that there is an interstate compact that governs hunting violations and the states involved should reciprocate nonresident license fees.

**Roger Rostvet** (40.5) Deputy Director of North Dakota State Game and Fish Department testified in a neutral position and for informational purposes of SB 2113. He stated that the department has looked at the bill and there are some technical concerns as there needs to be some clear definitions as to what the license is good for. Right now the definitions are rather open ended for interpretation. Things are also not consistent throughout the bill In regards to the question of how many nonresident come back to hunt or fish in North Dakota, about 6% of the 45, 000 of the nonresidents that hunt in North Dakota are former residents or have family in the state. With the fiscal note there would be an up front increase in revenue for about two years and after that the licensure would probably catch up and there would be a negative effect.

**Senator Michael Every** asked how the fiscal impact is measurable.

**Roger Rostvet** related that it is possible to approximately determine the fiscal impact if the information is available and has been done in other states, unfortunately at this time this data is not available in North Dakota.

Discussion was held as to the mathematics of this life time license compared to the present annual purchasing of nonresident hunting licenses. There are many variables but if a nonresident were to purchase all hunting and fishing licenses, the life time license could pay for itself in three years.

**Senator Traynor** commented the present form of the bill is inconsistent and needs tweaking or work.

**Tape #1 Side B**

**Senator Every** asked if the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department will need additional employees to manage this new license.

**Roger Rostvet** answered that there was enough flexibility within the bill that the director may establish the criteria within the guidelines. He further stated that one very positive section of the bill is that the nonresident would need to purchase hunting licenses each year and this would be helpful for reporting to the federal government for federal aid.

**Senator Lyson** closed the hearing on SB 2113.

**Tape #1, Side B (14.1 -14.4)**

After committee work on other bills, discussion was held regarding SB 2113.

**Senator Heitkamp** acknowledged that there things about the bill **Senator Lyson** was not happy about or intended to be in the bill.

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**Senator Lyson** agreed he would like to see changes within Bill 2113 and would like to work with Roger Rostvet of the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department on these amendment. He will then confer with the Legislative Council to compose the amendments and present them to the committee.



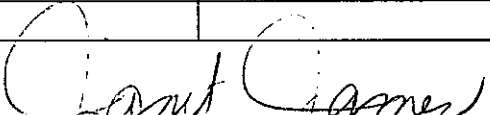
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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2113

Senate Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 27, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		9.0 - 13.7
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

**Senator Stanley Lyson**, Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee opened the committee work session on SB 2113 relating to nonresident hunters.

All members of the committee were present.

**Senator Lyson** distributed to the committee copies of his proposed amendment to move SB 2113 into a study resolution and asked the opinion of the committee members.

**Senator Joel Heitkamp** commented he felt this was the right approach to take with the bill and made a motion to adopt 50184.0101 as proposed.

**Senator Ben Tollefson** second the motion.

**Senator John Traynor** agreed with the amendment proposed and asked about giving some consideration to nonresidents who own land.

Roll call vote #1 was taken by voice vote indicating passage of the motion.

**Senator Heitkamp** made a motion for a Do Pass as amended.

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**Senator Tollefson** second the motion.

Roll call vote #2 of SB 2113 for a Do Pass as Amended was taken indicating 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS

AND 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

**Senator Lyson** will carry SB 2113.

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council  
02/01/2005

Amendment to: SB 2113

**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 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
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		
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.*

As amended there is no fiscal impact.

**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.*

<b>Name:</b>	Paul Schadewald	<b>Agency:</b>	ND Game and Fish Department
<b>Phone Number:</b>	328-6328	<b>Date Prepared:</b>	02/01/2005

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council  
12/23/2004

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2113

**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 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$90,000		\$45,000
Expenditures						
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		
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.*

Qualifying nonresidents will be able to purchase a life time hunting and fishing license for \$500. This will result in initial up front revenue, but will, in the long-term result in a revenue loss. Currently a nonresident fishing license costs \$35, the upland game bird hunting license package costs \$100 and a waterfowl license costs an additional \$85. If a nonresident normally purchases these licenses costing a total of \$220, that person would recover their initial \$500 investment in three years. A person who did not hunt waterfowl would recover the investment in about five years.

**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 these \$500 lifetime licenses that would be sold. About 45,000 nonresidents purchase North Dakota hunting licenses each year. Only a small percentage of these are eligible to purchase the nonresident lifetime license. If five percent purchase the license, 2,250 lifetime licenses would be sold. It is expected that sales the first two years would be much less than this, but no information exists to provide a solid estimate. Sales of 300 licenses is used for the 2005-07 estimate. Additional licenses would be sold each year with the first two bienniums showing some revenue increase, but revenue losses would steadily increase after that. The numbers provided are only an educated guess, but it is clear that there would be an initial revenue increase followed by revenue reductions after three to five years.

**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.*

<b>Name:</b>	Paul Schadewald	<b>Agency:</b>	ND Game and Fish Department
<b>Phone Number:</b>	328-6328	<b>Date Prepared:</b>	12/29/2004

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2113**

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "to provide for a legislative council study of hunting and fishing privileges for nonresidents and nonresidents who are former residents.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - NONRESIDENT HUNTER STUDY.**

The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2005-06 interim, issues related to hunting by nonresidents and nonresidents who are former residents. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixtieth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 1-27-05  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 31 2/13**

Senate Senate Natural Resources Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Amendment 50189.0101

Motion Made By Nutkins Seconded By Tolson

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Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

## Floor Assignment

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

Date: 1-27-05  
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2113

Senate Senate Natural Resources Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Heston Seconded By Traynor

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Stanley Lyson, Chairman	✓		Senator Joel Heitkamp	✓	
Senator Ben Tollefson, Vice Chair	✓		Senator Michael Every	✓	
Senator Layton Freborg	✓				
Senator Rich Wardner	✓				
Senator John Traynor	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Lyson

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



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2113: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Lyson, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2113 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative council study of hunting and fishing privileges for nonresidents and nonresidents who are former residents.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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Renumber accordingly

2005 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 2113

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **SB 2113**

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date **February 25, 2005**

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Karen Bonnet</i>			

Minutes:

**Chr. Jon O. Nelson:** I will call the House Natural Resources Committee to order. I will ask the clerk to call the roll. I will open the hearing on SB 2113 and ask the clerk to read the title.

**Sen. Stan Lyson, Dist. 1:** This bill came out of a bill that I had submitted to allow a \$500 fee to become a resident hunter in ND if you were born in ND and went through so many years of schooling. Or, if you were not born in ND but went through elementary and secondary school in ND, to be able to pay the \$500 and become a resident hunter in ND even though you lived in another state. Many questions came up, so we've changed it into a study because I still think it's a good idea. Several things have to be studied further: Several states do this now, we need more information from them, and better information from the Game & Fish. At the time I got this information from them, about 5% of the out-of-state hunters coming to ND to hunt are former residents. Now, about 8% of the out-of-state hunters are former residents. It's still a very small

amount but we think the study and a bill will bring our lost souls back to ND. I think to bring them back for hunting or fishing will benefit the whole state.

**Chr. Nelson:** Are there any questions?

**Rep. Dorvan Solberg:** In your original bill, was the \$500 a one-time fee?

**Lyson:** Yes, but they also had to buy an annual license, even if they didn't come to ND.

**Solberg:** When you did the research on this, what kind of response did you get from former residents when you mentioned the \$500?

**Lyson:** I'm hoping some of you got the same e-mails that I've been receiving. They're very, very positive. Some fathers wrote to ask us to add language so they would be able to buy it as a Christmas gift. It was very positive from people living outside of the state. Example: My nephew works at an accounting firm in St. Paul where they have 60-some people in the firm. Of those, 47 are former ND residents. Out of that 47, 30-some own farmland in ND. They were pretty interested in this.

**Chr. Nelson:** In your research for the bill, how many states are you aware that have that provision? Is the \$500 amount fairly consistent or is it at the upper or lower end of the scale?

**Lyson:** Minnesota has a lifetime license for \$600 for upland game. You don't have to buy a license. Iowa has a \$450 fee; there's is similar to this bill. Nebraska is much closer. It is \$500 and their bill is similar to ours. I think Colorado is \$650. There are other states. That's the reason for the study so we can get all this information together.

**Chr. Nelson:** Are there any questions?

**Rep. Lyle Hanson:** Those states you mention, is that just for a resident to buy a lifetime license or does it include the non resident?

**Lyson:** Those are out-of-state people who were residents. They were born and raised there.

**Rep. Bob Hunsakor:** On Line 1, it says "hunting and fishing," then on Line 5, it just says "hunting." Fishing is not there. Is there any reason for that?

**Lyson:** It should say fishing, also.

**Chr. Nelson:** Are there any questions? Seeing none, thank you for your testimony. Is there further supporting testimony?

**Mike Donahue, ND Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsmen of ND:** We support SB 2113 as a study. Originally, we opposed, but will support the bill as a study.

**Chr. Nelson:** Are there any questions? Seeing none, thank you for your testimony. Is there further supporting testimony? Seeing none, is there opposition?

**Harold Neameyer, Cass County Wildlife Club: (Written testimony attached)**

**Chr. Nelson:** Are there any questions?

**Rep. Darrell D. Nottestad:** When you polled your club about this, how many had sons and daughters who had kids to return to hunt?

**Neameyer:** That issue never came up as to numbers. There's bound to be some.

**Nottestad:** Was it unanimous by the club that this be opposed?

**Neameyer:** I can't answer that. I wouldn't know what they polled in their committee.

**Chr. Nelson:** Harold, in the original bill, was there a more detailed fiscal note?

**Neameyer:** Yes, there was a fiscal note, but I don't know the amount.

**Rep. Lyle Hanson:** It was \$90,000.

**Chr. Nelson:** In the debate over that, was there anything discussed about states that have this provision? I know there are a number of midwestern states that do, especially in upland game. Was there any discussion about reciprocal agreement that offered it?

**Neameyer:** I don't remember that there was any.

**Chr. Nelson:** Are there any questions?

**Rep. Dawn Marie Charging:** How many members are in the club?

**Neameyer:** There are 200 members.

**Chr. Nelson:** Are there any questions? Seeing none, thank you for your testimony. Is there further opposition to SB 2113?

**Dennis Daniel:** I'm adamantly opposed to this bill. This looks like a solution looking for a problem. What are we going to gain? (Sen. Lyson) said 8-9% of the people would maybe use it. What about the rest of the people that didn't take advantage of it? I just mailed off a \$666.25 check to hunt in Montana. I have a daughter and son-in-law who hunt out there if they get a tag. I brought this issue up to her when it first came up in the Senate. I told her I voted against it, and said I suppose you are going to be mad at me because this would have allowed you to come back home. She said it would allow me to come home, but there isn't anything more unfair to those who weren't born in ND. She said it would alienate more people. We have three classes of hunters as Mr. Neameyer said. We don't need to start another one. How many dollars to do a study? Kill the bill and be done with it. It makes no sense to me.

**Chr. Nelson:** Are there any questions? Seeing none, thank you for your testimony. Is there further opposition to SB 2113? Seeing none, I'll close the hearing on SB 2113.

**Rep. Todd Porter:** I would move to amend the bill on Ln. 5, after the word "hunting", to insert "and fishing."

**Rep. Duane DeKrey:** Second.

**Chr. Nelson:** Motion to amend by Porter, second by DeKrey. Does everybody understand the proposed amendment? Any discussion on the proposed amendment? I'll ask for a voice vote. All those in favor, signify by saying aye. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried. (unanimous)

**Rep. Darrell D. Nottestad: I move a do pass as amended.**

**Rep. Duane DeKrey: Second.**

**Chr. Nelson:** We have a do pass motion as amended by Rep. Nottestad, seconded by Rep. DeKrey. Committee discussion? I will ask the clerk to call the roll on a

**Do Pass as Amended, Vote:**

**14-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Absent; CARRIER: Hunskor**

2/25/09  
Delivered orig  
bill to LC  
w/ proposed  
amendment

Date: 2/25  
Roll Call Vote #: 7

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2113

House NATURAL RESOURCES Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number : 50184.0201 Title.0300

Action Taken : Do Pass as Amended & Placed on Consent Calendar if possible

Motion Made By : Nottestad Seconded By : DeKrey

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman - Rep. Jon O. Nelson	✓		Rep. Lyle Hanson	✓	
Vice Chairman - Todd Porter	✓		Rep. Bob Hunsakor	✓	
Rep. Dawn Marie Charging	✓		Rep. Scot Kelsh	✓	
Rep. Donald L. Clark	✓		Rep. Dorvan Solberg	✓	
Rep. Duane DeKrey	✓				
Rep. David Drovdal	✓				
Rep. Dennis Johnson	✓				
Rep. George J. Keiser	✓				
Rep. Mike Norland	✓				
Rep. Darrell D. Nottestad	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Hunsakor

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



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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
March 2, 2005 1:44 p.m.

Module No: HR-38-3983  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2113: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Nelson, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2113 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.**

Page 1, line 5, after "hunting" insert "and fishing"

Renumber accordingly

**2005 TESTIMONY**

SB 2113



**Cass County  
WILDLIFE CLUB**

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**TESTIMONY OF HAROLD NEAMEYER  
CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
ON**

**SB2113**

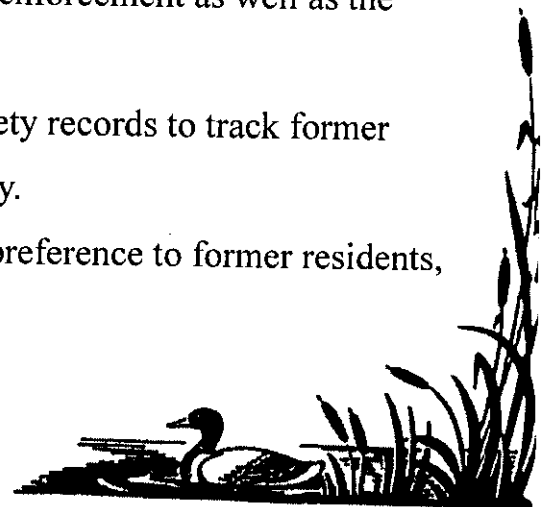
JANUARY 14, 2005

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Harold Neameyer speaking on behalf of the Cass County Wildlife Club. The Club opposes SB2113 for many reasons.

1. The eligibility for the lifetime hunting and fishing license seems administratively not workable. There will be cases where people would be missed who deserve to be included. How could a non-resident gather the necessary information from many schools that have closed.
2. For those non-residents who hunt many species and often in North Dakota, it is a financial benefit, but it is a drawback to the Game and Fish budget.
3. It would make the decision to leave ND easier because for \$500 a person could have all the privileges of the person who stayed in North Dakota (out migration).
4. Law enforcement would be a nightmare for G&F enforcement as well as the license department.
5. There was once discussion of using the hunter safety records to track former residents. This would give easy access to eligibility.

While it is a reasonable idea to provide some sort of preference to former residents, this is not a workable plan. Please oppose.





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## **TESTIMONY REFERENCING**

### **SB 2113**

**By Mike Donahue, Lobbyist #275**

**Senate Natural Resources Committee**

**January 21, 2005**

The United Sportsmen of North Dakota and the N.D. Wildlife Federation appreciate the desire to provide a fee break to our relatives that return for a hunt.

But, what are we saying to the relatives that have stayed to nourish family, friends and community?

Over the last several sessions there have been plans introduced to do similar to this bill's intent. All were defeated.

Mainly, the intent is nice but the details are not workable and are not being fair to our residents.

We ask **Do Not Pass on SB 2113.**