

2009 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1076

## 2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

-----Bill/Resolution No. 1076

House Natural Resources Committee

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Hearing Date: 01-15-2009

Recorder Job Number: 7072

Committee Clerk Signature

*Nancy L. Gerhardt*

Minutes:

Vice Chairman Damschen: Rep. DeKrey

Rep. DeKrey: see attachment # 1 & 2.

Vice Chairman Damschen: Questions for Rep. DeKrey? Rep. Keiser

Rep. Keiser: This is a comprehensive coverage. If there is a violation you're not going to be able to hunt. Is the intent to limit big trophy hunting.

Rep. DeKrey: In a later email it was what he was really after if a doe license he was still OK with it, he doesn't want them to get a trophy animal – in audible.

Vice Chairman Damschen: Further Questions for Rep. DeKrey?

Chairman Porter: Motion for Do Not Pass made by Rep. DeKrey

Is there a 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nottestad

Discussion on motion – None – roll

Yes votes 11      No votes 1      Absent votes 1

Chairman Porter: The Do Not Pass motion prevails Volinters – Rep. Hunsakor -- Thank you

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Date: 1-15-2009  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1076

**House Natural Resources Committee**

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

Action Taken ☐ Do Pass ☒ Do Not Pass ☐ As Amended

Motion Made By Rep. DeKrey Seconded By Rep. Nottestad

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Porter	✓		Rep Hanson	✓	
Vice Chairman Damschen	✓		Rep Hunsakor	✓	
Rep Clark	✓		Rep Kelsh	✓	
Rep DeKrey		✓	Rep Myxter	✓	
Rep Drovdal	✓		Rep Pinkerton		
Rep Hofstad	✓				
Rep Keiser	✓				
Rep Nottestad	✓				

Total (Yes) 11 No 1

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Hunsakor

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1076: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1076 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2009 TESTIMONY

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# 1

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**DeKrey, Duane L.**

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**From:****Content:**

Sunday, December 07, 2008 6:50 AM

Schmidt, Arlo E.; Vig, Benjamin A.; btollefson@nd.gov; Hofstad, Curt L.; Triplett, Constance T.; Drovdal, David O.; Johnson, Dennis E.; O'Connell, David P.; Oehlke, H. Dave; dsolberg@nd.gov; Wrangham, Dwight R.; Vigesaa, Donald W.; Froseth, Glen A.; Keiser, George J.; Klein, Jerry J.; Nelson, Jon O.; Pomeroy, Jim R.; Hanson, Lyle L.; Boucher, Merle D.; Marcellais, Richard; Weisz, Robin L.; Meyer, Shirley J.; Kelsh, Scot R.; Lyson, Stanley W.; Boe, Tracy L.; Clark, Donald L.; Damschen, Charles D.; Dawn Charging; DeKrey, Duane L.; Heckaman, Joan M.; Heitkamp, Joel C.; Hunsakor, Bob L.; Nottestad, Darrell D.; Porter, Todd K.; Taylor, Ryan M.

**Subject:**

Hunting license for felons

Good morning!!

There is a federal law that prevents certain convicted felons from possessing a gun, as well it should. With this law in effect, these same individuals would not be allowed to hunt with a gun in North Dakota. I manage a sporting goods store in Devils Lake and on more than one occasion this topic has been brought up by customers. The fact that felons cannot carry a gun to hunt is not the problem. The problem comes when it was discovered that these same convicted felons could actually hunt deer during the special muzzleloader season. I have customers that have been denied a license in the lottery for a number of years and are patiently waiting to be lucky enough to draw a muzzleloader buck tag. We have come up with at least five that hunted this year who are not allowed to own a gun but can apply and be entered into a lottery with the rest of us. How can a person that has received two 15 year suspended sentences for manufacture and sale of meth be allowed to enter any G&F lottery in North Dakota?

Could it be possible to change the current laws or re-write the current rules to prevent this?

Thanks for your time!!

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**Drovdal, David O.**

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**From:** John Felts [johnfelts@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 14, 2009 7:02 PM  
**To:** DeKrey, Duane L.  
**Cc:** Clark, Donald L.; Nottestad, Darrell D.; Drovdal, David O.; Hofstad, Curt L.; Damschen, Charles D.; Hunskor, Bob L.; Bowman, Bill L.; Keiser, George J.; -Info-Governor's Office; -Info-Legislative Council; Hanson, Lyle L.; Myxter, Lee E.; Pinkerton, Louis; Kelsh, Scot R.; Porter, Todd K.  
**Subject:** HB 1076  
**Attachments:** HB 1076.pdf

I am John Felts, and I live in Watford City ND. I am a Husband and a father of five children, ages 14,10,7,3 and 1; three girls and two boys. I also am a Veteran that served six years; two years as a Combat Medical Specialist in the Army and four years as Military Police In the Air Force. I served mostly overseas in some places I'd like to forget. I also served as a Law Enforcement Officer for five years, and as an EMT for three years. So, like you gentlemen, I have served my country and community with pride and great enthusiasm. I love my family and country very much, but this proposed bill threatens a very important part of mine and my family's life, and that part is the privilege to hunt.

You see, over 10 years ago, I made a decision that cost me the right to own or possess a firearm. My crime was a federal charge of Possession of an Unregistered Firearm. I have been an avid Hunter my entire life and although I lost my right to own a firearm, I did not lose the right to own a bow or a Black Powder gun. These are the tools I've used for the past 10 years to hunt. And, because I've been able to continue hunting, I've had the joy of sharing this with my children; which every father should have the right to do. This bill would prohibit me from even applying, which, in fact, would be a continuing punishment for a debt I've already paid.

I can still apply for the Firearm Draw for Antelope and Deer and use my Bow to fill those tags. I can still hunt predators, i.e.: coyotes and mountain lion with my bow. I can still shoot pheasant and grouse and any other legal game with my bow, I just have to get a lot closer, which makes it a lot more fun for me and my kids. Hunting also helps put food on my table, and if you know anything about raising children, they have pretty healthy appetites. I think you gentleman know where I'm going with this. To pass this bill would take away the privilege of 100's of capable hunters that are in the same boat as myself; to legally take game, and even help feed their families in these days and times. Some folks might need that extra food, available only by the hunt. I paid my debt, like so many others, and to take this privilege from us is really only further punishment. I am all for keeping guns out of felons hands because it is the law but I am NOT for taking food from our mouths and the experience a father shares with his children during the hunt.

Sincerely, John E. Felts  
Watford City ND  
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