

2009 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1246

## 2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 1246

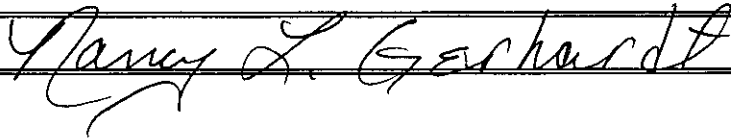
House Natural Resources Committee

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Hearing Date: 1-23-09

Recorder Job Number: 7667

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Porter – Open hearing on HB 1246. Rep. Amerman

Rep. Bill Amerman – The small rural communities depend on the income from hunting. It keeps the 14 days, but breaks up the 7 day period. Non residents can buy more than one license. It is hard for them to always get 7 days off at a time, where if you break it up to 3 or 4 days. It may attract moderate income people from out of state that can stay with friends or relatives.

Chairman Porter – Questions for Rep. Amerman? Rep. Kelsh

Rep. Jerry Kelsh – This is good for the small rural areas as well as the state.

Chairman Porter – Any questions? Further testimony in support of HB 1246?

Donna Bohn – **See Attachment #1** --

Chairman Porter – Questions for Ms. Bohn? Further testimony in support of HB 1246? Any opposition to HB 1246?

Foster Ray Hagar – **See Attachment #2.** High School kids will have more competition from out of state hunters if they can choose to come only on weekends.

Rep. Hofstad – Do you have any facts, surveys to support your feelings that this would be a problem, both economically and as far as competition to the youth hunters?

Mr. Hagar – No I don't have any facts or surveys.

Rep. Keiser – Don't you think the people currently coming, nonresident hunters, are competition with kids in school and the residents that have to work?

Mr. Hagar – yes. There is no way you can mathematically figure out 7 days to be here 2 weekends. We feel it is really a border bill.

Rep. Keiser – Would you support another bill where they could have more days, but they couldn't hunt on week-ends?

Mr. Hagar – I would have to check with the club about that.

Rep. Hofstad – In many communities – especially with goose hunting – hunters are waiting until the geese or water fowl are migrating through. In their defense it is not just a border issue.

Mr. Hagar – I don't know the answer to that.

Rep. Hofstad – My point is you never know when they are coming through.

Mr. Hagar – I don't know.

Chairman Porter – Further testimony in opposition to HB 1246? Mr. Chadwell.

Mr. Chadwell – With this change we are basically we're doing something mathematically that doesn't work. We are trying to divide 3 into 14. The other thing is – wouldn't this change have a fiscal effect? I don't see a fiscal note attached to this bill.

????????? – Yes, That is correct. In 2008 625 people purchased 2 licenses. 51 people purchased 3 licenses and then 2 purchased 4 & 3 purchased 5. There are about 700 licensees involved

Chairman Porter – The information provided to us by the department was based on the number of days hunted on average – by making the change it was in the 90<sup>th</sup> % range that wouldn't be effected by this.

Mr. Chadwell – We have been selling close to 50 thousand licenses.

Chairman Porter – If we sell 50 thousand, inside of that 50,000 is this other 700 inside of that or outside of the 50,000? So we sell 50,000 licenses. 49,300 people fit within the current bill we are selling. We have 700 people who have to buy multiple licenses.

Mr. Chadwell – That is correct.

Rep. Keiser – If we wanted to create a revenue fiscal thing how much would a non-resident license have to increase to offset the sale of multiple licenses?

Mr. Chadwell – Maybe 1 or 2 dollars.

Chairman Porter – Any other questions? We will close the hearing on HB 1246

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| Committee Clerk Signature | <i>Nancy L. Gerhard</i> |
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Minutes:

Chairman Porter – Rep. Hofstad

Rep. Hofstad – Move Do Not Pass

Chairman Porter – I have a motion from Rep. Hofstad for a Do Not Pass on HB 1246. Is there a 2<sup>nd</sup>?

Rep. Myxter – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Chairman Porter – A 2<sup>nd</sup> from Rep. Myxter – discussion. Seeing no discussion the clerk will call the roll on a Do Not Pass.

Yes 10 No 1 Absent 2 Carrier Rep. Hofstad

Date: 1-23-09  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

**2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1246**

**House Natural Resources Committee**

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

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

Motion Made By Hofstad Seconded By Myxter

| 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          | ✓   |    |                 |     |    |
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Total (Yes) 10 No 1

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Hofstad

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 23, 2009 4:08 p.m.

**Module No: HR-14-0882**  
**Carrier: Hofstad**  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1246: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (10 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1246 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.**

2009 TESTIMONY

HB 1246



# 1



January 21, 2009

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 either House Bill 1216 or House Bill 1246, which provides additional flexibility for the non-resident small game hunters.**

When the restrictions were enacted for the period of fourteen days or any two periods of seven consecutive days, our office received numerous phone calls from out of state hunters who were upset with the new regulations. They were not only forced to make choices on their licenses, but more so they conveyed to us that it was a sign the state did not want them or their money.

Our office supports legislation that provides opportunities for nonresident hunters to visit our state and experience our welcoming hospitality.

Sincerely,

Terri Thiel  
Executive Director

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Cass County  
**WILDLIFE CLUB**  
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**TESTIMONY OF FOSTER RAY HAGER**  
**CASS COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB**  
PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
on  
HB 1246  
January 23, 2009

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The CCWC is opposed to this bill because we feel it will hurt the small motel industry plus many other small businesses.

Many non-residents will come four weekends, spend one night in a motel every weekend, instead of several nights.

This bill appears to benefit non-residents that live in states that border North Dakota.

This bill will increase the number of birds they may take compared to possession in a 14 day season.

Youth that are in school will be dealing with these non-residents almost every weekend.

If the non-resident wishes to hunt more than 14 days or 15 days just buy another license.

