

**2025 HOUSE AGRICULTURE**

**HB 1085**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## **Agriculture Committee** Room JW327C, State Capitol

HB 1085  
1/9/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 41-31-011 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to federal meat inspection regulations.

11:15 a.m. Chairman Beltz called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Beltz, Vice Chairman Hauck, Representatives Anderson, Dobervich, Handerson, Holle, Hoverson, Kiefert, Nehring, Olson, Rios, Schreiber-Beck, Tveit, Vollmer

### **Discussion Topics:**

- Recent inspection rules
- Poultry parameters

11:15 a.m. Todd Erickson, Meat Inspection Manager, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, testified in favor and submitted testimony #28258.

11:18 a.m. Representative Schreiber-Beck moved Do Pass.

11:19 a.m. Representative Dobervich seconded the motion.

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	AB
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Jeff Hoverson	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Dennis Nehring	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Daniel R. Vollmer	Y

Motion passed 13-0-1.

11:20 a.m. Representative Dobervich will carry the bill.

11:20 a.m. Chairman Beltz closed the hearing.

*Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1085 ([25.8119.01000](#))**

**Agriculture Committee (Rep. Beltz, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING), and be placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

COMMISSIONER  
DOUG GOEHRING



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**Testimony of Todd Erickson  
Meat Inspection Manager  
North Dakota Department of Agriculture  
House Bill 1085  
House Agriculture Committee  
J-Wing room 327C  
January 9, 2025**

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Chairman Beltz and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Todd Erickson Meat Inspection Manager for the Department of Agriculture. I am here today on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring in support of House Bill 1085, which would adopt the most current federal meat inspection regulations.

The Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) allows states to operate their own meat inspection program, provided the State develops and maintains laws, regulations, and procedures that are “at least equal to” the federal program operated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The most effective way to meet “equal to” regulation requirements is to adopt the most recent version of federal regulations related to meat inspection. Since adoption last session an appeal process was added for facilities adversely affected by an action or decision of an inspector or other USDA employee. The facility has 30 days to appeal the decision, NDMPPI will adhere to the same policy as written. There were also updates to some poultry sampling parameters, NDMPPI currently does not have any official poultry facilities. We are here today to update the statute to the most current federal regulations through House Bill 1085.

Chairman Beltz and committee members, thank you for your consideration of HB 1085. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

**2025 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HB 1085**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee

Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1085

2/13/2025

A bill relating to federal meat inspection regulations.
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11:45 a.m. Chairman Luick opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Luick, Vice-Chair Myrdal, Senator Marcellais, Senator Weston, Senator Weber, Senator Lemm

### Discussion Topics:

- Appeals process
- Poultry sampling

11:45 a.m. Todd Erickson, Meat Inspection Manager with the ND Department of Agriculture, testified in favor and submitted testimony #37466.

11:47 a.m. Chairman Luick closed the hearing.

11:47 a.m. Senator Weber moved a Do Pass.

11:47 a.m. Vice-Chair Myrdal seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Richard Marcellais	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Weber will carry the bill.

11:48 a.m. Chairman Luick adjourned the meeting.

*Audrey Oswald, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1085 ([25.8119.01000](#))**

**Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1085 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

COMMISSIONER  
DOUG GOEHRING



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**Testimony of Todd Erickson  
Meat Inspection Manager  
North Dakota Department of Agriculture  
House Bill 1085  
Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee  
Fort Union  
February 13, 2025**

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