



Legislation Summary for the week of Jan. 22-26, 2007

The fourth week was an interesting week. Tuesday morning attended the Lake Sakakawea Master Plan steering committee meeting at Riverdale. We had good discussion and moved on with the Master Plan. Spent the remainder of the week sitting on various committee meetings that I thought might have an impact with our groups. North Dakota's future looks bright for the renewable energy bills. Individuals giving testimony were very upbeat about the future-- let's hope it all comes true. I attended hearing of bills relating to zoning by counties and townships and another bill pertaining to funding for township road improvements. I had the privilege of attending the signing of HB 1040 by the Governor Hoeven on Thursday; pertaining to the disorderly conduct at a funeral. This was a very touching moment as many of the parents and loved ones of fallen soldiers were in attendance.

The bills that I will follow during the week of Jan 29 - Feb 2:

SB 2376 -- (Sponsors of the bill is Senators Warner & Tollefson and Representatives Charging, Onstad Pinkerton & Wrangham) Parks and Recreation, Marina Construction hearing will be held on Monday, Jan 29th at 11:00 am by the Appropriation Committee in the Harvest Room. This bill is a good start for building other super marinas around the lake.

SB 2332 -- (Sponsors of the bill is Senators Cook, Freborg & Lyson and Representatives Carlson & Porter) Relating to nonresident fishing license fees hearing will be held on Feb 1 at 10:15 am in the Fort Lincoln Room by the Senate Natural Resources committee. This bill would set a price for the non-resident fishing license at a given price or the amount a resident of North Dakota would be charged by the home state of the nonresident for a nonresident fishing license, whichever is higher.

This bill would be tough to enforce as there are many questions need to be answered before it can be endorsed. Many places that sell fishing license are located in bait shops, bars and convenience shops. In most instances the places are run in part by part time help, where is the liability going to fall in case the place of business sell the nonresident license for incorrect amount. If all licenses were sold by electronic means I could see the bill working. The way it is now it would be a logistical nightmare.

SB 2406 -- (Sponsors by Senators J Lee, Fischer, Lyson & Stenehjem and Representative Weisz) Relating to over width travel permits hearing will be held on Feb 1 at 9:00 am in the Lewis and Clark Room by the Transportation committee

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at 701.351.0260 or by email at dash@gondtc.com

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