



Legislation Summary for the week of Jan. 29-Feb. 2, 2007

The fifth week was a busy and interesting week. Wednesday morning I attended the meeting of Billing Lake committee at Edmore at 10:00 am. The Billing Lake committee is trying to resolve the issue of keeping carp out of Devils Lake. The committee is working with the State Water Commission and ND Game & Fish Dept to come up with workable solution. I spent the remainder of the week in Bismarck attending various committee hearings. There were a few of the bills that had a lot of testimony, both pro and con.

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. First of all I would like to 'Thank' Jill Denning Gackle & Bill Butcher for covering this hearing as I wasn't able to attend. *The bill is still in committee and hasn't been acted as of this morning.*

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 a many questions need to be answered before it can be endorsed. Many places that sell fishing license are located in bait shops, bars and conveniences shops. In most instants 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.*

*I testified against this bill for the ND Sportfishing Congress and remained neutral for FOLS as I didn't get enough responses to get a good feeling on which way to testify. The committee voted in opposition to the bill. On Feb 2, 2007, Senate reported back with a **do not pass**, placed on calendar y 007 n 000*

SB 2406 -- (Sponsors by Senators J Lee, Fischer, Lyson and 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.

I didn't testify or attend the hearing on this bill as the response I received were mixed and no clear indication on which way to testify.

On Feb 2, 2007 reported back amended, do pass, amendment poc y 005 n 000

The bills that I will following the week of Feb 5-9:

HCR 3044 (sponsors Representatives Berg, Boucher and Senators Stenehjem, O'Connell) A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study how the state might pursue additional uses of Lake Sakakawea & Missouri River water for such beneficial purposes as domestic & industrial uses, recreation, fish & wildlife, & irrigation, & how the state , to enhance its use of the lake and river, might promote congressional review of the 1944 Flood Control Act & a reexamination by the Corps of Engineers on the way in which it manages the Missouri River system. *To be heard by House Natural Resources on Feb 2/8/2007. (There are seven bills to be heard by the committee & this is the last bill--so it could be heard any time from 8:30 am to noon or later) in the Pioneer Room.*

SCR 4016 (sponsors Senators Lyson, Fischer, Krebach and Representatives Charging, Drovdal, Sukut) Urging Congress to direct the US Corps of Engineers to address and rectify the problems caused by sediment in the Missouri River system. *To be heard by Senate Natural Resources at 2/8/2007 at 9:30 am in the Fort Lincoln Room.*

SB 2395 (sponsors Senators Triplett, Potter) Relating to allocation of moneys in the resource trust fund and to provide a continuing appropriation. *To be heard on 2/8/2007 by the Senate Natural Resources Committee at 9:30 am in the Fort Lincoln Room.*

Need your input on these bills. Thanks!

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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