



Legislation Summary for the week of Jan. 24-28, 2005

The fourth week was a busy week. Tuesday mornings during this legislative session, we will meet at the Game & Fish office at 10:00 AM and go over the bills that have been or will be introduced and will be heard during this week's session.

SB 2294 – Increases bait vendor fees and requires equipment tags. Relating to license fees for nonresident wholesale bait vendor licenses; relating to the regulation and licensing of wholesale bait vendors. Senate Natural Resources Committee will hear the bill on Jan 27, 05 in the Fort Lincoln Room at 10:15 AM. SNRC amended the class B license to allow for import and export of bait. Reported back do-pass 7-0 as amended.

The bills that I will be following this coming week of Jan 31- Feb 4 will be:

SB 2141 – Would amend the North Dakota Century Code by revising the boating under influence law. Senate Transportation Committee to hear on Thursday, Jan 20, 05 at 9:45 AM in the Lewis & Clark Room. The result of my inquiry is that we will be supporting this bill. I testified in support of the bill and this bill has not come out of committee yet.

SB 2338 – (Sen's Traynor, Tollefson, Wardner; Rep's Nelson, Porter) - Would establish a management plan for prevention and control of aquatic nuisance species. SNRC to hear 2/3, 9:00 a.m.

SB 2369 – (Sen's Heitkamp, Lyson, Tollefson; Rep's Amerman, Nelson, Wall) - Would amend the North Dakota Century Code by creating a nonresident 10-day fishing license for \$25. SNRC to hear 2/3, 9:15 a.m.

SCR 4026 – (Sen's Warner, Freborg, Lyson; Rep's Charging, Onstad) A concurrent resolution urging Congress to enact legislation to address the adverse economic impact on businesses and the economic health of North Dakota caused by the low water levels of the federally managed reservoirs on the Missouri River in North Dakota. **01/27** Senate Introduced, first reading, referred Natural Resources

HCR 3026 – (Rep's Onstad, Delzer, Drovdal; Sen's Heitkamp, Lyson) - A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to maintain the level of Lake Sakakawea at a minimum elevation of 1,825 feet mean sea level. No hearing set.

HCR 3027 – (Rep. S. Meyer, Haas, Kerzman, Onstad; Sen's Krauter, Wardner) A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to retain sufficient water in the upper portion of Lake Sakakawea to ensure a stable water supply for the Southwest Pipeline Project and the 26 communities and 3,000 farms and ranches that receive water from the Southwest Pipeline Project and urging the Governor and the Attorney General to take appropriate action to ensure federal officials retain sufficient water in Lake Sakakawea to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of southwest North Dakota. **01/27** House Introduced, first reading, referred Natural Resources.

Contact your local legislators and urge them to support the above bills and concurrent resolutions. Feel free to sit in on the hearings.

- If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at 701.351.0260 or by email at duaine_ash@yahoo.com during this legislative session.

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