



Legislation Summary for the week of Jan. 31-Feb. 4, 2005

Week five has been busy. 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 2338 – (Sens. 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. I testified in support of the bill and this bill has not come out of committee yet.

SB 2369 – (Sens. 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. I testified in support of the bill, providing that we only have three classes of non-resident fishing licenses, if the 10-day non-resident license is adapted, then the seven day non-resident should be done away with and this bill has not come out of committee yet.

The bills that I will be following this coming week of Feb 7- Feb 11 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 2229- (Sens. Heitkamp, Thane; Rep's. Gulleon, Nelson) Relating to the ethanol content of gasoline, state purchasing of energy, and corporate and individual income tax credits for renewable energy use; relating to the ethanol content of gasoline; to provide a transfer; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an effective date. **In section 19-10-03.1; page 1, line 15, they have crossed out one and inserted 10 – which allows the retail sale of alcohol-blended gasoline up to 9.99% without posting it on the pumps. (Before it was anything over 1% had to be posted) Older models of snowmobiles, outboard motors and various other engines will not tolerate blends over 1%. We should not be opposed of the bill, if they amend it by removing the 10 and keep the 1% as it has been in the past.**

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SCR 4026 – (Sens. 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. SNRC to hear 2/10, 9:15 a.m. in the Fort Lincoln Room .

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HCR 3019 – (Reps. Froelich, Brandenburg, Kerzman, Kretschmar; Sen. Erbele, Krauter)- A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to retain sufficient water in the upper portion of Lake Oahe to ensure a stable water supply for the residents of water in the upper portion of Lake Oahe to ensure a stable water supply for the residents of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and surrounding communities and urging the Governor and the Attorney General to take appropriate action to ensure federal officials retain sufficient water in the upper portion of Lake Oahe to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of the area. HNR to hear 2/11, 9:00 in the Pioneer Room.

HCR 3026 – (Reps. 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. HNR to hear 2/11, 9:30 in the Pioneer Room.

HCR 3027 – (Reps. 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. HNR to hear 2/11, 10:00 a.m. in the Pioneer Room

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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