

Legislation Summary for the week of Jan. 4-7, 2005

This first week was pretty quiet. 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 session.

HB 1018 - Game & Fish Appropriations — Was heard by the Appropriations Committee in the Roughrider Room on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005 at 3:30 PM.

HB 1058 - Game & Fish proclamation of the Governor — Was heard by Natural Resource Committee in the Pioneer Room on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005 at 9:30 AM.

HB 1100 - Protects license applicants and biological information from the open records requirements — *Was heard by Natural Resource Committee in the Pioneer Room on Friday, Jan. 7, 2005 at 9:00 AM. This bill was sent to committee and no action taken.*

HB 1101 - Personal Float devices for children on vessels — *was heard by Natural Resource Committee in the Pioneer Room on Friday, Jan. 7, 2005 at 9:00 AM.* This amendment to section 20.1-13-20 of the ND Century Code changes the age requirement from 10 to 12 to having to wear appropriately sized and properly fastened coast guard-approved type I, II, or III wearable personal flotation device while the vessel is in operation. I remained neutral as the emails I received from you were kind of mixed. After much discussion, the committee voted and a 7-6, do not pass.

There were no bills introduced on the Senate Natural Resources Committee that we needed to take a stand on.

The bills that I will be following this coming week of Jan. 10-14 will be:

SB 2041 - Relating to transportation of game and fish taken on Indian Trust Lands — *Will be heard in the Fort Lincoln Room on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005 at 9:00 AM.*

SB 2100 - Relating to the definition of resident for the game and fish purposes — *Will be heard in the Fort Lincoln Room on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005 at 9:30 AM.*

HB 1066 - Premiums for and covers of bonds of agents appointed to distribute hunting and fishing license/stamps — *Will be heard in the Pioneer Room on Thursday, Jan 13, 2005 on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005 at 9:00 AM.*

HB 1137 - Live bait wholesalers and retailers — Will be heard in the Pioneer Room on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005 on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005 at 9:00 AM.

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.