



Legislation Summary for the week of March 14-18, 2005

Week ten wasn't as 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 will be worked on in committee or voted during this week's session.

SB 2338 - (Sens. Traynor, Tollefson, Wardner; Reps. Nelson, Porter) - Would establish a management plan for prevention and control of aquatic nuisance species. **3/17- Senate Concurred- Yeas 46 Nays 0**

SB 2369 - (Sens. Heitkamp, Lyson, Tollefson; Reps. Amerman, Nelson, Wall) - Would amend the North Dakota Century Code by creating a nonresident 10-day fishing license for \$25. **3/16- Senate- Sent to Governor**

SB 2041 - Relating to hunting on Indian land, and relating to transportation of game and fish taken on Indian lands. **3/17- HNR- Do Pass- Yeas 13 Nays 1**

SCR 4026 - (Sens. Warner, Freborg, Lyson; Reps. 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. **3/15- Senate-Returned to Senate**

HCR 3019 - (Reps. Froelich, Brandenburg, Kerzman, Kretschmar; Sens. 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. **3/16 - House - Signed by Speaker**

HCR 3026 - (Reps. Onstad, Delzer, Drovdal; Sens. 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. **3/16- House- Returned to House**

HCR 3027 - (Reps. S. Meyer, Haas, Kerzman, Onstad; Sens. 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. **3/16- House- Returned to House**

The bills that I will be following at this coming week of Mar 21 thru Mar 25, 05 will be:

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SB 2141 - Would amend the North Dakota Century Code by revising the boating under influence law. House Transportation Committee heard this bill on Friday, Feb 25, 05 at 9:00 AM in the Fort Totten Room. **3/17- House- Second Reading Passed- Yeas 74 Nays 17, Emergency clause carried. 3/17- Senate- Returned to Senate**

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. **3/11- Senate- Returned to Senate**

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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