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2007 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1212

## 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1212

House Transportation Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: 01-18-2007

Recorder Job Number: 1356

Committee Clerk Signature

*Susan M Thomas*

Minutes:

**Chairman Weisz opened the hearing on HB 1212. All Representatives were present.**

**HB 1212 relates to the use of receiver hitches.**

**Rep. DeKrey** introduced the bill.

**Rep. DeKrey:** The trailer hitch bill came from a constituent who had a problem with his knee and I think you have heard this issue before. I would stand for any questions.

**Chairman Weisz:** HB 1212 basically would require that anyone who had a removable hitch that extends beyond the bumper would have to be removed when you are not pulling a trailer.

**Chairman Weisz asked for any support or opposition to the bill.**

**Dwayne Wahl**, representing himself, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**Wahl:** I'm torn on this bill. I spoke against it the last time it came up and I guess the negative side would be, just like when I come in the west door of the capitol and its heavy. Well, just because I don't read the directions on how to open that door and I don't watch what I'm doing, should I have a law proposed that that door should be automatic open. People, all you got to do it watch where they are going, that's basically where it's going. If it does get passed and gets to a rural area, the rural people are not going to put up with this. Basically the law enforcement is either going to have to put up with a bunch of irate people that live next to or

look the other way. When out of state people come and they are not aware, they will get a ticket and they probably won't want to come back to North Dakota. The other side of the coin, I think we should pass this bill and put a hefty fine on it because I sell hitches and I could make a lot of money off of this bill. I think we are better off to not do this.

**Rep. Thorpe:** In your estimation do you think that if we passed this that the gentleman that wanted this legislation, he might be bumping into more of them because I guess if I was out on the ranch and this was passed, I would just pull up to the shop and get the arch welder out and make it a solid hitch.

**Wahl:** I think we've spent more time on this legislation than we should.

**Woody Barth,** Farmers Union, spoke in opposition for the record.

**Barth:** This bill is no good, please don't pass it, I farm and ranch south of Mandan and I've bumped my knee many times on my receiver hitch and it's my own fault.

**Mike Donahue,** United Sports of North Dakota, wanted to go on record as opposed to the bill.

**David Munch,** Morton County resident, spoke in opposition.

**Munch:** If this bill, what about the bike racks and all the other stuff? If you pass this bill, you will put a lot of people out of business as far as manufacturing stuff to go into these receiver hitches. I can't believe that something like this comes up. I walk through the parking lot out here and all of the legislators took their receiver hitches out but two.

**There were no questions from the committee. There was no further opposition. The hearing was closed. No action was taken at this time.**

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House Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: 01-18-2007

Recorder Job Number: 1359

Committee Clerk Signature

*Lisa M Thomas*

Minutes:

**Chairman Weisz allowed committee discussion on HB 1212. Representatives Dosch, Kelsh and Owens were absent. HB 1212 relates to receiver hitches.**

**Rep. Ruby: I move a DO NOT PASS.**

**Rep. Delmore seconded the motion.**

**Chairman Weisz asked for further discussion on the bill. There was no further discussion.**

**Roll Call Vote: 10 yes. 0 no. 3 absent.**

**Carrier: Rep. Thorpe**

Date: 1-18-07  
Roll Call Vote #: HB 1212

**2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

House Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken DO NOT PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Ruby Seconded By Rep. Delmore

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz	✓		Rep. Delmore	✓	
Vice Chairman Ruby	✓		Rep. Gruchalla	✓	
Rep. Dosch			Rep. Myxter	✓	
Rep. Kelsch			Rep. Schmidt	✓	
Rep. Owens			Rep. Thorpe	✓	
Rep. Price	✓				
Rep. Sukut	✓				
Rep. Vigesaa	✓				

Total Yes 10 No 0

Absent 3

Floor Assignment Rep. Thorpe

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 19, 2007 3:41 p.m.

**Module No: HR-13-0896**  
**Carrier: Thorpe**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1212: Transportation Committee (Rep. Welsz, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS**  
(10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1212 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.