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# 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. **HB 1426**

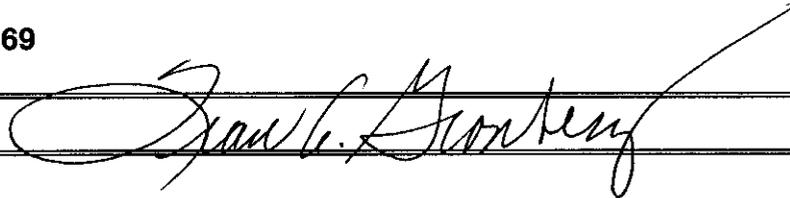
House Agriculture Committee

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Hearing Date: **2-8-07**

Recorder Job Number: **3169**

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

**Chairman Johnson** opened the hearing on HB 1426. We have a group of young stockmen here today from around the state of ND.

**Rep Froelich, Dist 31:** The Independent Beef Association members approached me to have their name put on so they can nominate people to the ND Beef Commission. All this bill does is say they can nominate people and give the names to the Governor for possible selection. (hand out attached on composition of beef commission) This bill will be inclusive and not leave out anyone.

**Rep Schmidt, Dist 7:** I have two bills HB1426 and HB 1427. I-BAND wants to join the ND Beef Commission and I fully support it.

**Dean Meyer, representing I-BAND:** (testimony attached)

**Rep Belter:** I have three questions. When was this group formed? How many members do they have? What are the dues?

**Meyer:** The dues are \$50 per year. I think there are over 300 members.

**Rep Belter:** Does this organization have by laws?

**Meyer:** Yes. I'll get a copy to you.

**Rep Wall:** The three at large position are open to them now, but you are looking for a permanent slot.

**Meyer:** We're not asking for a permanent slot, just to be able to nominate and submit a list to the Governor for consideration.

**Patrick Becker, President of IBAND:** It is very important that all industries be represented. I support this bill.

**Rep Froelich:** How long have you and your family been in the ranching business?

**Becker:** I operate the ranch my father started back in 1940 and I guess this is my thirty third year.

**Allen Lund, Secretary of IBAND:** (testimony attached)

**James Schmidt, Producer from SE of Bismarck:** We may be an immature group but our members have lots of experience.

**Rep Froelich:** How many head of livestock are we talking about?

**Lund:** Over 100,000. Some are members of both commissions. This is not one organization against another. We have to work together. We want people on the board that will do a good job of representing ND.

**Chairman Johnson:** How many counties are in your organization?

**Lund:** We are concentrated more in the Middle part of the state and in the West.

**Rep Wall:** What are the policy differences of IBAND and the Stockman's Association?

**Schmidt:** Basically one of the biggest differences is the I-BAND is more into trade and marketing issues.

**Kent Graham, Producer, Hazelton:** I am very involved in the cattlemen's organizations. I strongly support this organization and hope you will give this organization a chance to nominate and send names to the Governor.

**Rep Froelich:** How long has your family been ranching?

**Graham:** My father has been doing it for 40 years and I have been in it full time for 7 years.

OPPOSITION OR NEUTRAL

**Wade Moser, ND Stockman's Association:** I am here to oppose HB 1426. We don't think the bill is needed because anyone can submit names to the Governor. There are 3 positions that are at large and the Governor can appoint anyone he wants to the commission. We have never discriminated against anyone and have submitted good names to the commission.

**Rep Boe:** What is the cost to be a member of Stockman's?

**Moser:** \$50 per year.

**Rep Mueller:** There are 3 at large members. How does the Governor choose them?

**Moser:** A lot of them are people that are interested in serving and contact the Governor's office.

**Marge Perkins, Dist 5, representing CattleWomen:** (testimony attached)

**Chairman Johnson:** Anyone can sign the sheet going around whether you are testifying or not. It is to state your intentions.

**Jason ,Chairman of the Beef Commission:** I want to make it clear that we are not here in opposition to the bill, or in support of the bill. We are here as an information source. All of ND is represented at this time. We are an open meeting state. We all pay beef checkoff. We do not want a Pandora's box if we open up this legislation. The board also has cattle women on board. There are nine members on the board.

**Rep Belter:** I wonder if you have been contacted by the Milk Producers and the Livestock Market Association.

**Jason:** O have not been contacted by anyone.

**Rep Mueller:** Can you give us an idea of how much the I-BAND group has participated with the Cattleman's Association. Are they actively involved with the Stockman's Association?

**Jason:** I have not received any concerns from them.

**Jerry Effort:** I farm and ranch. I am a current member of the Beef Commission. I am here for clarification. I serve because I applied for it. I wish we were not going to legislate this issue.

**Chairman Johnson:** I there are no others to testify, or no questions, I will close the hearing.

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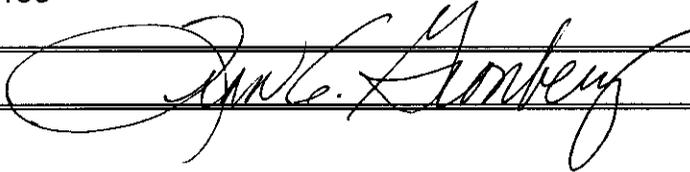
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Minutes:

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: WE WILL RE-OPEN THE HEARING ON HB 1426. WHAT ARE YOUR WISHES ON HB 1426?**

**REPRESENTATIVE BELTER: I MAKE A MOTION FOR A DO NOT PASS.**

**REPRESENTATIVE BRANDENBURG: I SECOND THE MOTION.**

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I HAVE A MOTION FOR A DO NOT PASS AND A SECOND. ANY DISCUSSION?**

**WE WILL TAKE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON HB 1426.**

**8 YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT.**

**REPRESENTATIVE UGLEM WILL CARRY HB 1426.**

**CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: WE WILL CLOSE ON HB 1426.**

Feb 13

Date: 2-8-07  
Roll Call Vote #: ①

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1466

House \_\_\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE \_\_\_\_\_ 1426 \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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

Action Taken To Not Pass

Motion Made By Rep Belter Seconded By Rep Brandenburg

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Dennis Johnson, Chairman	✓		Tracy Boe		✓
Joyce Kingsbury Vice Chairman	✓		Rodney J Froelich		✓
Wesley Belter	✓		Phillip Mueller		✓
<del>Mike Brandenburg</del>	<del>✓</del>		Kenton Onstad		✓
Mike Brandenburg	✓		Ben Vig		✓
Craig Headland	✓				
Brenda Heller	✓				
John D Wall	✓				
Gerry Uglem	✓				

Total (Yes) 8 No 5

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep Uglem

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
February 8, 2007 3:20 p.m.

**Module No: HR-27-2595**  
**Carrier: Uglem**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1426: Agriculture Committee (Rep. D. Johnson, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (8 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1426 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.**

2007 TESTIMONY

HB 1426

# BEEF COMMISSION

3 beef producers	10,600 producers
1 dairy producer	385 producers
1 cattle feeder	522 feedlot (2002 census/cattle on feed)
1 livestock auction	16 auctions
3 at-large	<i>How does Gov get AT Large nominally?</i>
1 non-voting	

1426

Mr. Chairman, Members of the committee:

My name is Dean Meyer, and I am here today representing I-BAND, the Independent Beef Association of North Dakota.

HB 1426 would simply allow I-BAND to submit a list of possible nominees to the governor, as he makes his appointments to the Beef Commission. It would not mandate that he select someone from that list, but would give the governor that opportunity if he, or she, desires.

This is not a new concept. There are already organizations, which do the same. It is an issue of fairness. The beef check-off is a mandatory one. You cannot get your money back. It has been taken to court and found to be constitutional. Most of the I-BAND members support the check-off. But they feel they should have representation on how the money is being spent.

I sincerely believe, that the more input you have from cattlemen. The more access you allow them in the process, the fewer problems you will have.

This is not an expansion of the board, but would merely ensure the board that all sides are being represented in the discussion.

And discussion of issues, and representation when your dollars are being spent, is a good thing for all.

Thank you for your consideration, and I urge a Do Pass on HB 1426.

Dean Meyer, lobbyist for I-BAND

H.B. 1426

February 8, 2007

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee,

My name is Allen Lund. I'm a cow/calf producer from Selfridge, N.D. I am also secretary of the Independent Beef Association of North Dakota (I-BAND) and am speaking on behalf of our membership.

I stand in favor of H.B. 1426. This bill would allow I-BAND to represent beef producers in the nomination process to the Governor of voting members to serve on the North Dakota Beef Commission. At present, these nominations are reserved to the North Dakota Stockmen's Association.

Our organization is approximately one and a half years old and consists of approximately 310 members. We represent the best interests of our cattle producer members and adhere to a one member one vote policy.

We respect the policies of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, but do disagree with some of these policies. At the same time we would ask the North Dakota Legislative Assembly to recognize I-BAND as a viable cattle producers association and to respect the policies of I-BAND.

Diversity of opinion can only help in bringing constructive leadership to the State Beef Commission. Therefore, I would ask for the committees support in passing this bill.

Thank you,

Allen Lund  
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1. The ND CattleWomen have close to 200 members and have been in the business of promoting beef for over 50 years. In fact beef promotion and improving our beef industry are our main objectives.

2. While the CattleWoman certainly understand the importance of the members of the Beef Commission, our organization has never felt a need to have our organization specifically represented on the Commission. We have considered ourselves partners with the Commission since the Commission was organized in 1973. We also have had several members of the CattleWomen that have been appointed to the Commission as producers-at-large through the three seats available to the governor to appoint producers of his own choosing. This avenue is and has always been open to any individual or organization that is interested in beef promotion and in helping to determine where and how beef checkoff dollars are used. Having been one of those members myself several years ago, I think it's very important for any person or organization considering giving the governor names to understand that members of the ND Beef Commission should not come to the table with personal or organizational agendas. This is no place for them. They have a much bigger job and that is to fairly represent every beef producer in the state, whether they raise dairy cattle, a specific breed of cattle, feed cattle, or whatever their role is. They are responsible for safeguarding every producer's checkoff dollars and need to see to it that checkoff dollars are invested in programs that help to increase the demand for beef so all producers benefit.

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