

**1999 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION  
HB 1068**

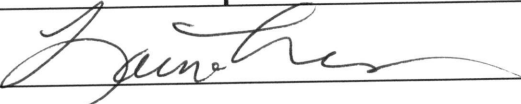
1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1068

House Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 15, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1 (1-15-99)	x		31.9-48.5
2 (1-21-99)		x	13.0-26.0
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN KEISER OPENED THE HEARING ON HB 1068; A BILL RELATING TO PARKING PRIVILEGES FOR MOBILITY IMPAIRED.

REP. DEKREY introduced the bill. He stated that the only addition to the bill was that it adds the clause "is at least six months pregnant or has given birth to a child in the preceding six months."

REP. THORPE asked REP. DEKREY if that was already possible.

REP. DEKREY responded that if a doctor feels the need, they can issue a certificate now for a temporary pass. This would open it up now to healthy pregnancies.

REP. MAHONEY asked if he believed it was appropriate for someone just weeks post-delivery?

REP. DEKREY said that it may be more applicable to ladies pulling strollers and carrying babies for distances.

KEITH MAGNUSON, Director, Officer of Driver and Vehicle Services testified for the Department of Transportation on a neutral standpoint. He did note that if a doctor requests a temporary pass for a person, they grant it without question, but did say that he did have concerns with the law. He said that in Section 39-01-15, subsection four talks about the certificate and provides for a 3 month certificate, but that it can only be renewed once. That would have to be changed consequently too.

REP. SCHMIDT mentioned that if these permits that are issued are being passed around in cars, and are hard to control. If there is a troubled pregnancy, the doctor can issue it - otherwise it may just cause more problems.

CHAIRMAN KEISER asked what the potential impact would be on the limited amount of spaces that are now available.

KEITH said that if every pregnancy in North Dakota was given this, it would be a lot. One source has told us 6,000 live births on an average.

CHAIRMAN KEISER asked if permits were being issued now if needed.

KEITH said yes.

REP. MAHONEY asked Keith how many permits are issued today under current law.

KEITH said roughly 30,000 or more between permanent and temporary.

REP. MEYER asked if it can be renewed after 3 months.

KEITH said it can only be renewed once, then the process starts over.

DARRELL FARLAND, Director of the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities testified to raise the committee's attention to the reasoning behind temporary permits: broken legs, have difficulties getting in and out of vehicles, or walking more than 200

feet. He continued that 19.4% of the population of North Dakota has a disability and they can not walk 200 feet.

ARNOLD MAIER, representing himself, testified on HB 1068. He requested that the committee consider inserting the word cane between wheelchair and walker.

REP. MAHONEY asked if he has a permit now?

ARNOLD said yes, but that it needs to be renewed every 2 years.

CHAIRMAN KEISER CLOSED THE HEARING ON HB 1068.

January 21, 1999

CHAIRMAN KEISER RE-OPENED THE HEARING ON HB 1068.

LORI WEISZ testified in support of HB 1068. She began by introducing amendments to the bill.

(See attached amendments). Weisz testified that by implementing this parking allowance for pregnant women, North Dakota was proving to be mommy friendly and baby friendly. She noted that she had left North Dakota and returned because it is a great place to raise kids. Weisz said that there are 33,000 handicapped stickers in North Dakota. She also said that there are roughly 8,000 pregnancies in a year. There is not a great burden on the handicapped spots yet, and these handicapped stickers will not impinge on those spots. She further said that this would be a gesture of good will by the state of North Dakota. She mentioned that there are many hardships of pregnancy and that walking as a pregnant woman was just one of them.

REP. MAHONEY asked what the evidence would have to be to receive a permit.

LORI said that it would be left to the discretion of the Department of Transportation.

CHAIRMAN KEISER CLOSED THE HEARING ON HB 1068.

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE; CHAIRMAN KEISER, REPS. BELTER, MAHONEY, MEYER, JENSEN, THOPRE, WEISZ, AND SVEEN PARTICIPATED.

COMMITTEE ACTION

REP. MEYER moved a DO PASS on AMENDMENT #1. REP. PRICE seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Line 13 - Replace "six" with "seven."

Line 14 - Replace "six months" with "30 days."

ROLL CALL - 14 YEA, 0 NAE, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

REP. MAHONEY moved a DO PASS on AMENDMENT #2. REP. JENSEN seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Line 14 - Insert "cane" after the first comma.

ROLL CALL - 8 YEA, 5 NAE, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

REP. MEYER moved a DO PASS on HB 1068 AS AMENDED. REP. JENSEN seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ROLL CALL - 8 YEA, 7 NAE, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

FLOOR ASSIGNMENT - REP. SVEEN.

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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1068 TRN 1/22/99/

1/21/99

Page 1, line 7, after the first comma insert "a cane."

Page 1, line 13, replace "six" with "seven"

Page 1, line 14, replace "six months" with "thirty days"

Am # 90342.0101

Title 0200

Date: /  
Roll Call Vote #: /

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House Transportation Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_

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Conference Committee

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

Action Taken adopt amm.

Motion Made By Rep Meyer Seconded By Rep Price

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Representative Keiser, Chair	X		Representative Thorpe	X	
Representative Mickelson, V. Ch.	X				
Representative Belter	X				
Representative Jensen	X				
Representative Kelsch	X				
Representative Kempenich	X				
Representative Price	X				
Representative Sveen	X				
Representative Weisz	X				
Representative Grumbo	X				
Representative Lemieux	X				
Representative Mahoney	X				
Representative Meyer	X				
Representative Schmidt	X				

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date:  
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Action Taken approve amm.

Motion Made By Mahoney Seconded By Jensen

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Representative Keiser, Chair	<del>XXXX</del>	X	Representative Thorpe	X	
Representative Mickelson, V. Ch.		X			
Representative Belter		X			
Representative Jensen					
Representative Kelsch	X				
Representative Kempenich		X			
Representative Price		X			
Representative Sveen	X				
Representative Weisz					
Representative Grumbo	X				
Representative Lemieux	X				
Representative Mahoney	X				
Representative Meyer	X				
Representative Schmidt	X				

Total (Yes) 8 No 5

Absent 2

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 1/21/99  
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Action Taken Do pass as amended

Motion Made By Rep Meyer Seconded By Rep Jensen

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Representative Keiser, Chair		✓	Representative Thorpe	✓	
Representative Mickelson, V. Ch.		✓			
Representative Belter		✓			
Representative Jensen	✓				
Representative Kelsch		✓			
Representative Kempenich		✓			
Representative Price	✓				
Representative Sveen	✓				
Representative Weisz	✓				
Representative Grumbo		✓			
Representative Lemieux	✓				
Representative Mahoney	✓				
Representative Meyer	✓				
Representative Schmidt		✓			

Total (Yes) 8 No 7

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Rep Green

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1068: Transportation Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 7 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1068 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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