

1999 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1195

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1195

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/21/99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		4.8-21.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Blevin Gard</i>			

Minutes:

SUMMARY OF THE BILL: A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-08-04.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the muzzleloading deer hunting season.

(4.8) Vice-Chairman Henegar, opened the hearing on HB 1195 in the Pioneer Room. All committee members were present: Vice-Chairman Henegar, Rep. Drovdal, Rep. Galvin, Rep. DeKrey, Rep. Nottestad, Rep. Nelson, Rep. Clark, Rep. Porter, Rep. Martinson, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Kelsh, Rep. Lundgren, Rep. Sandvig, Rep. Solberg, with the exception of Chairman Grosz, who was absent.

(4.8) Rep. Hoffner of District 32 appeared in favor of HB 1195, as a sponsor. He noted that the bill was introduced on behalf of a constituent and then briefly summarized the bill.

(5.7) Marc Biel testified in favor of HB 1195. (see attached testimony)

(9.0) Rep. Porter made a note about line 13 of the bill, where the wording had been changed.

(9.2) Mr. Biel answered that he knew nothing about the changes.

(10.4) Rep. Warner of District 4 testified in favor of HB 1195 and asked for the consideration of a one word amendment to the bill, which would overstrike the word “following” and replace it with the word “receding.” (see attached amendment)

(11.4) Roger Rosset of the Game and Fish Department testified in favor of HB 1195.

(12.2) Rep. DeKrey asked about the amendment that Rep. Nelson had brought up, about hunters having to get close to the deer.

(15.8) Paul Krrery of the Cass County Wildlife Club appeared in favor of HB 1195.

(16.1) Mike Donahue of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation appeared in support of HB 1195, but was unsure about the proposed amendments.

(17.2) Larry Knoboc of the United Sportsmen of North Dakota appeared in favor of HB 1195.

(18.2) Rep. Solberg engaged in conversation about HB 1195 and shared the view that the bill would have a better chance of passing without the amendment.

(19.0) Rep. Hanson gave some background on the original muzzle loading law.

(19.6) Rep. Nottestad commented that he agreed with Rep. Solberg about the amendment.

(20.0) HB 1195 was moved as a DO PASS, with a vote of 13 yes, 0 no, and 2 absent.

1/21/99

Date: ~~02/11/99~~

Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House House Natural Resources Committee

Subcommittee on 1195

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Hanson Seconded By Solberg

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Mick Grosz					
Vice-Chairman Dale Henegar	X				
Representative David Drovdal	X				
Representative Pat Galvin	X				
Representative Duane DeKrey	X				
Rep. Darrell D. Nottestad	X				
Representative Jon O. Nelson	X				
Representative Byron Clark	X				
Representative Todd Porter	X				
Representative Jon Martinson	X				
Representative Lyle Hanson	X				
Representative Scot Kelsh	X				
Representative Deb Lundgren					
Representative Sally M. Sandvig	X				
Representative Dorvan Solberg	X				

Total (Yes) ~~10~~ 13 No _____

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Nottestad

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 21, 1999 4:28 p.m.

Module No: HR-13-0993
Carrier: Nottestad
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1195: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Grosz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**
(13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1195 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

1999 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1195

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1195

Senate Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 5, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		2220-4785
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lyla A. Flagen</i>			

Minutes:

SENATOR TRAYNOR opened the hearing on HB1195: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 20.1-08-04.5 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE, RELATING TO THE MUZZLELOADING DEER HUNTING SEASON.

REP. HOFFNER testified in support of HB1195 at the request of a constituent.

MARK BIEL testified and explained intent of the bill. (See attached testimony)

SENATOR CHRISTMAN asked with the one-week season, don't you have weekdays. Aren't the days running consecutively.

MARK BIEL replied the intent of the bill was to get the word "consecutive" added as it is currently written. The season has been from noon on Friday through sunset on Monday on 2 weekends with no weekdays during the season. With the change in the bill, the season would include 9 1/2 days running consecutively which would also include 2 weekends.

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Senate Natural Resources Committee

Bill/Resolution Number Hb 1195

Hearing Date February 5, 1999

ROGER ROSTVET, ND Game and Fish Dept. testified in support of HB1195. Ten years ago this was season was started and split into 2 weekends, but with shift jobs in existence, there is a need for consecutive days of hunting. The ½ hour before sunrise opening affects this bill as well.

SENATOR HEITKAMP asked do you want line 13 to be this restrictive.

ROGER ROSTVET replied it's only good language for clarification and as far as the management situation, I would never foresee the time when we would have a lack of demand for mule deer licenses in ND.

NANCY DIETZ, Cass Co. Wildlife Club testified in support of HB1195. In regard to SB2373, the club would like the deer hunting season remain at a noon opening, rather than the ½ hour before sunrise and are hoping to amend SB2373 in the House.

SENATOR TRAYNOR asked what the one-time license would apply to.

NANCY DIETZ replied big horn sheep, elk and moose.

NORM STUHMILLER testified in support of HB1195 and urged a DO PASS.

SENATOR TRAYNOR closed the hearing on HB1195.

A motion for DO PASS was made by SENATOR FREBORG, seconded by SENATOR

HEITKAMP. Roll call vote indicated 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, and 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

SENATOR FREBORG volunteered to carry the bill.

Date: 2-5-99

Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

Senate Natural Resources Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number HB 1195

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Freborg Seconded By Heitkamp

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator John T. Traynor, Chr	✓				
Senator Tom Fischer, Vice Chr	✓				
Senator Randel Christmann	✓				
Senator Layton Freborg	✓				
Senator Joel C. Heitkamp	✓				
Senator Rolland W. Redlin	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Freborg

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1195: **Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Traynor, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1195 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

HB 1195

HB 1195-Muzzle loading season should run consecutively

The impetus for this bill comes from a comment made by my Hunter Ed. and hunting partner. We had drawn tags for the 97 season,(which is about a once every 3-4 year treat) and were at his brother's farm when some pheasant hunters chased the deer away we'd been sneaking up on to get within range. He commented it would be nice to be able to hunt midweek when there is less hunting pressure. I called G&F and posed this question to them, they made the remark, "we don't want you using your vacation for this, as you've probably used it up for regular deer season; and if you want it changed, talk to the legislature." Hoping this was his way of being funny, I posed the question to Dean Hildebrand, he and Randy Kreil replied. They seemed to feel weekend only afforded the most opportunity. I don't feel G&F is best qualified to tell me when to use my vacation time.

With Sunday opening now, the only folks with weekends off consistently are some government employees. Medical, banking, sales, retail, auto service, restaurants, plant workers, miners, and even a friend that works here at the Capitol works 2 out of every 3 weekends. Working in a pharmacy, Monday and Friday are our busiest days of the week, making vacation difficult to take on these days. Plus, if you've ever had small kids, you know what weekend activities are.

I work every other weekend, and with daughters in orchestra, recitals, and Strolling Strings take care of most weekends during hunting season. So if I'm lucky enough to draw a tag, I must make the choice of missing one of my kids activities, or going hunting.

I would very much like the opportunity to hunt mid-week when there is less pressure on game; affording us the most flexibility, and best opportunity with the primitive weapon we choose to hunt with.

The season opens on a Friday at noon as set by Century Code 20.1-05-03. A consecutively run season would allow the most flexibility to those holding tags. The extra 2 1/2 days were added to allow 2 weekends. The intent here was NOT to lengthen the season; but simply to allow us the opportunity to hunt when it best fits our schedules.

Thank you.
Mark Biel
Bismarck, ND