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2003 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1154

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1154

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 17, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature *Eini Moe*

Minutes:

**Rep. Bellew:** Introduced House Bill 1154 relating to the issuance of elk, moose, and big horn sheep hunting licenses. Introduced the bill on behalf of constituents requesting it. Because of an admitted lack of background in the issue he turned the bill over to constituents.

**Kim Knatterud:** Spoke out in support of HB 1154. Testified on the difficulty in drawing a big game license.

**Chipper Farrell:** Spoke out in Favor of HB 1154. Reiterated the difficulty in getting a license.

**Rep. Nottestad:** What happens to the new hunters attempting to receive a license if the point system takes over. Will there be any reason for a new hunter to apply.

**Chipper Ferrell:** I understand, there needs to be an incentive to apply for the tag.

**Roger Rosvet:** Testified as Deputy Director of the Game and Fish Department. (See Attached Testimony).

**Harold Neameyer:** Reiterated the new hunter issue.

**Mike Donahue:** Reiterated the new hunter issue.

**Rep. Solberg** motioned to recommend do not pass on HB 1154. The motion was seconded by **Rep. Keiser.**

The vote was 14 yes, 0 no, 0 absent. Rep. Solberg carried.

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Date: 1/17/02  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House House Natural Resources 1154 Committee

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

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Rep Solberg Seconded By Keiser

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Jon O. Nelson	✓				
Vice-Chairman Todd Porter	✓				
Rep. Byron Clark	✓				
Rep. Duane DeKrey	✓				
Rep. David Drovdal	✓				
Rep. Lyle Hanson	✓				
Rep. Bob Hunsakor	✓				
Rep. Dennis Johnson	✓				
Rep. George Keiser	✓				
Rep. Scott Kelsh	✓				
Rep. Frank Klein	✓				
Rep. Mike Norland	✓				
Rep. Darrell Nottestad	✓				
Rep. Dorvan Solberg	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Solberg

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

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 20, 2003 8:21 a.m.

Module No: HR-10-0744  
Carrier: Solberg  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1154: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Nelson, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1154 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.**

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HR-10-0744

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2003 TESTIMONY

HB 1154

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**HB 1154**  
**HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE**  
**January 17, 2003**

Moose, Elk and Bighorn Sheep hunting licenses in North Dakota are extremely desirable licenses. Last year the Department received 33,548 applications for a total of 302 licenses, 8,328 apps for 3 bighorn sheep licenses- 12,114 apps for 182 elk licenses and 13,106 apps for 117 moose licenses. It becomes quite apparent that most people who apply for these licenses will never receive one in their lifetime.

Preference for Moose, Elk, and Sheep was discussed when we started the preference system for the other species. It was not adopted at that time because we did not believe it would improve the system. The Deer, Antelope, and Turkey weighted drawing system grew out of a fairness issue. It was not uncommon for an individual to get two or even more licenses for a highly desirable combination of species and unit while another person with the same application history did not draw any. The preference point system we now have is an attempt to alleviate or at least minimize this situation.

In the case of the Trophy Species, the permits are a once in a lifetime permit. This is in effect the ultimate preference system, once you get one, you never get another. The fairness issue, which is the basis for the preference system, does not exist.

Preference for the trophy species then becomes a philosophical issue. If we use the weighted drawing, we would reward people for applying in long consecutive strings. Given the rather long odds of drawing one of these licenses, it will take a lot of preference points to have a significant effect on your chances of drawing a license. In the long run, the effect would likely be to concentrate the licenses in the hands of older hunters because they would have the most preference points. It could also have the effect of virtually excluding anyone who happens to be young, just recently started hunting, or have recently moved to the state. So do you want reward those people who have applied year after year, or do you want everyone to be on an equal footing, young and old, long time residents and new arrivals.

The weighted drawing would likely have the effect of keeping people applying, once they have accumulated a number of preference points. It could also discourage new people from applying because the deck is stacked against them.

Keep in mind; the preference system would increase people's expectations as the number of preference points increases. This could result in increased dissatisfaction with the system because most people will still not draw one of the trophy licenses, even with the preference system in effect. In addition, you will have to deal with people who forgot to apply after accumulating 20 points and are unhappy because they have lost their points. There will also be disputes from people who claim to have more preference points than our records show. In order to verify this we would have to keep 20 to 30 years worth of applicant records.

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