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2003 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1465

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1465

House Natural Resources Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 6, 2003

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Eric M...</i>			

Minutes:

Chair Nelson called the hearing on HB 1465 relating to a game and fish commission to order.

Rep. Drovedahl: Introduced HB 1465. I was asked to sponsor this bill. I introduced this bill to try and get public input to the Game and Fish Department. Commissions have been tried in other states. Game and fish has been successful at wildlife management. There has been problems with people management. I would like to hear a lot of testimony on this bill to come up with some solutions.

Eric Aasmundstad: North Dakota Farm Bureau. (See Attached Testimony)

Jerry Jeffers: District 8 Representative to the North Dakota Game and Fish advisory Board.

(See Attached Testimony)

Rep. Keiser: This is based on a Geographic basis. Would you support a change on a proportional basis.

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Jerry Jeffers: I would come at from another representative from each district. One from sportsman, the other from landowners.

Rep. Keiser: Would you prefer a geographic basis or population?

Jerry Jeffers: Geographic.

Rep. Nottestad: Have you spoken out about the half day meetings before. This has been going on for a long time.

Jerry Jeffers: Yes, the director tries to coordinate with the state staff meetings, which is good.

We are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. There just isn't time to do it all.

Rep. Nottestad: Has the request for more input been conveyed to game and fish?

Jerry Jeffers: We just never get to it.

Rep. Hunskor: If you had more time would it be ok?

Jerry Jeffers: There still would need to be more changes in the meetings. They are still to informational.

Rep. Hanson: Do you have a president of the advisory board, He can set the agenda for the meeting.

Jerry Jeffers: We do have a president.

Harold Neameyer: Cass County Wildlife Club. (See Attached Testimony)

Rocky Bateman: Testified on behalf of the HB 1465. Expressed concern over the accuracy of the fiscal note.

Paul Thomas: North Dakota Ag Coalition. Support of HB 1465. Testified as to the greater public involvement in the process.

Wes Tosset: Farmer. Proposed an amendment to add 3 businessmen to the committee.

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Jim Lowman (2782): Testified in favor of HB 1465. Reiterated the need for reform.

Kyle Blanchfield: Guides and Outfitters Association. Supported HB 1465 on the basis of the need for changes to the advisory board.

Merle Jost: (See Attached Testimony)

Bill Pfeifer: ND wildlife Society. (See Attached Testimony)

Dennis Daniel: Sportsman. Opposed to an appointed commission. The commission should be elected.

Tom Abrahamson: ND Sport Fish Congress. (See Attached Testimony)

Larry Kubrick: Sportsman Alliance. Testified that undermining the commissioners authority will not solve anything. The advisory board will need to assert themselves.

Dean Hildebrand: ND Game and Fish Department. Testified against HB 1465. There were three major tasks included in his duties when the governor asked him to fill this job.

1. Communications. I have not missed an advisory board meeting. I have not missed a speaking opportunity yet. We have outreach officials. We have radio programs statewide.
2. Grow the Resource. Some believe we have grown the resource too much.
3. I want balance. We are working hard on this.

I have made every effort to fulfill these duties.

Jack Olson: ND Bow hunters. Testified against HB 1465. (See Attached Testimony)

Paul Shadwell: Testified on technical aspects of the fiscal note. Explained the different role that would be required by the fiscal note.

Rep. Solberg: Is this fiscal note understated?

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Paul Shadewald: I do not have a good handle on how much time it will take it may be higher, it will not be lower.

Rep. Porter: There is talk of doubling the size of the board. Will that double the size of the fiscal note?

Paul Shadewald: It would more than double it.

Mike Donahue (1336): United Sportsman and ND Wildlife Federation. (See Attached Testimony)

Chair Nelson closes the hearing on HB 1465.

Chair Nelson called the House Natural Resources Committee back to order.

Rep. Keiser moved the adoption of the amendment to HB 1465. Seconded by **Rep. Nottestad**.

The amendment passed by voice vote.

Rep. Keiser moved a **Do Not Pass with amendment** on HB 1465.

Rep. Nottestad seconded the motion.

Rep. DeKrey: Commented on how understated the fiscal note seemed.

Rep. Keiser: Commented on how the intention of de politicizing the Game and Fish department would not be served by this bill. In fact he said this process would dramatically politicize the process.

The motion passed by a vote of 9-4-1. Rep. Clark will carry.

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jan Myer</i>			

Minutes:

Chair Nelson recalled HB 1465.

Rep. Drovdal: The point of this bill was to point out the problems with this system. This board has no authority.

Rep. Kelsner Moves a **Do Not Pass with Amendments.** **Rep. Porter** Seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 11-3-0.

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FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/21/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1465

1A. **State fiscal effect:** Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures				\$50,000		\$50,000
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

It is anticipated that as a policy making board, this commission would have to meet at least monthly to handle the many challenging game and fish issues. This would increase costs for per diem and expenses.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. **Revenues:** Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

There would be additional costs for per diem and expenses of the commission members.

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

Name:	Paul Schadewald	Agency:	ND Game and Fish Department
Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	01/22/2003

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February 6, 2003

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HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1465 NAT RES 2-07-03

Page 1, line 2, replace the first "and" with a comma and after "20.1-02-25" insert ", and subdivision 1 of subsection 1 of section 54-07-01.2"

Page 3, after line 12, insert:
HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HB 1465 NAT RES 2-07-03

"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Subdivision 1 of subsection 1 of section 54-07-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- I. The state game and fish ~~advisory board~~ commission."

Renumber accordingly

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