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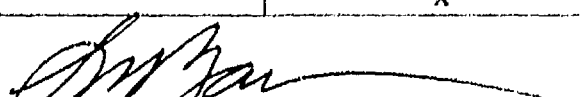
2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1070

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 18, 2001

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Minutes: Chairman Earl Rennerfeldt, Vice Chair Jon O. Nelson, Rep. Brekke, Rep. Drovdal, Rep. Galvin, Rep. Keiser, Rep. Klein, Rep. Nottestad, Rep. Porter, Rep. Weiler, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Kelsh, Rep. Solberg, Rep. Winrich.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Is there anyone here to introduce this bill? Are the fish and game people coming back?

Rep. Hanson: Mr. Chairman, they have 135 people working there, I would think that they would have one person here to testify to the two bills they had here today.

Vice Chair Nelson: Rep. Hanson, Roger was prepared to testify on 1069, when he knew it would be recessed till next week, he said he would be back to testify on this bill.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Let's take a five minute break.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: I will reopen the testimony on HB 1070.

Roger Rostvet - ND Game and Fish: (See written testimony)

Rep. Keiser: I looked at your chart. This is a pretty neat bill because we don't have to give any of these away. You are proposing an award for nobody. Would oppose an amendment that would perhaps move this down to 25 years of service.

Rostvet: The chart may be a little deceptive in the fact that we started certifying instructors in such a time that the original instructors are still moving in the chain. It is not that the program is ongoing from that time forward. We certainly have no opposition to moving that schedule from 30 years to whatever the committee would deem appropriate.

Rep. Porter: Mr. Rostvet. This lifetime combination license, what would it allow a person to hunt without purchasing a license. I've heard some concerns from people in regards to deer, antelope and other things that are on a separate drawing. What actually could you hunt with this license?

Rostvet: Good question. The lifetime combination license is basically your fishing, small game and general game stamp and fur bearers license. The combination license does not give any provision for any big game tags or special privileges on special lottery tags.

Rep. Hanson: What happens when you grant someone a license and he leaves the state?

Rostvet: I would have to check, Rep. Hanson. There is a provision in there for revocation of it. I would have to look that one up. Most of the time these are lifelong residents. I would have to take a look.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Roger, could you explain the five year interval recognition you mentioned in your testimony.

Rostvet: The department right now has a recognition program based on five year increments for x number of years you get a jacket, for more years you get an engraved knife. If you reach 25 years, that's been our pinnacle right now, you receive your choice of a shotgun or a rifle that has a medallion placed in the stock for hunter safety recognition. This program is a monetary cost of

about \$26 to the department, it certainly isn't something that has monetary importance. These individuals have donated so much time and effort to the state of ND and the Game and Fish Department and need to be recognized in a higher level, such as the legislature.

Vice Chair Nelson: Roger, do you have a lifetime license of any other kind now?

Rostvet: No, this is the only lifetime license available.

Vice Chair Nelson: So just the logistics of this, the license will be will be issued once. For waterfowl hunting you still have to purchase a federal duck stamp, or is it something issued every year and just have the lifetime certificate. Where do you paste your stamp.

Rostvet: What we plan on doing is having an official one time award and then issuing a permanent card which they could place those stamps on, and yes, they would have to buy a federal duck stamp. That would be easier for the individual rather than reissuing them one every year.

Rep. Droydal: Roger, looking at Sec. 2 and Sec. 3 of this bill, it appears that they just lined out Sec. 2 and created a new Sec. 3, what is the rationale behind that?

Rostvet: Which section were you referring to?

Rep. Droydal: Sect. 2 amended and then Sec. 3 puts it back into that subsection. What is the rationale behind that?

Rostvet: The Legislative Council looked at that. We have the sportsman license which is a separate license all together and we have the resident license \$1 certificate and it would seem rather silly on our part giving a lifetime sportsman license and then making them go down and buy a \$1 stamp each year. That is the intent behind it. I can double check with the Legislative Council on that, I can see where the confusion comes in. I believe that was the switch made to

cover that section. It does seem confusing. Our intent was for them not to have to pay for that \$1 certificate.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any other questions from the committee?

Dean Hildebrand - Dir. Of ND Game and Fish: The reason for this bill is we have a fellow in the program that has been with us for 28 years. He has received his shotgun. We don't have any means of rewarding anyone else when they reach the 30 year bracket so this is an honorary type certificate. We hope to have something frameable. We want to make this as simple as possible. You charge us with hunter safety. There is no way we could teach that without volunteers. WE have between 500 and 700 educators a year teaching about 5 to 6 thousand kids. It is becoming more difficult to get volunteers. It is hard to get kids in this program. We have a good safety record since this law went into effect. If you can help us make this happen we would appreciate it.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: If we amended this to 25 years instead of 30. What's your opinion on that?

Hildebrand: I don't have any big heartburn with that. We have a rifle that we give at 25 years. This is to appreciate that additional five years. IF you wanted to back it up, I appreciate the gesture, but I don't think it is necessary. I think we would follow with what we have now. We don't have a lot to offer them, so this is a gesture trying to give some prestige to the job, to keep our instructors to hang on there a bit longer. It is a labor of love. You have to prepare and work at it.

Rep. Nottestad: Going back to what he said about the amendment. Would there be any prestige or anything for you when you passed out that shotgun for 25 years and then to offer the license for something to use it with.

Hildebrand: We could, now that you got that shotgun and you are doing such a great job for us I would like you to stay five more years for us so I could give you that lifetime award. Roger mentioned if you want to do it at that time we could. I could make it retroactive for those people who have got their shotgun.

Rep. Hanson: Have you run this by the Hunter Safety Group. Do they support this?

Hildebrand: Yes, to my knowledge we have visited with the director and they know what's up and about. It is my hope to announce them if we can get this passed by next February as an incentive at the next convention.

Rep. Hanson: I have only had two contacts on this and both opposed this.

Hildebrand: What was their rationale on this? If there is a misconception about it giving a license for deer or elk, that is not the case. This is just the basic hunting and fishing certificate.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any further questions?

Rep. Galvin: Before you mentioned the shotgun you give away, I was also thinking we should move it up five years, but since you are giving that award, it would mean that the 30 year award would have a little more prestige. It should be something really special. I would be in favor of leaving it the way it is.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any further questions?

Bill Pfeifer - ND Chapter of the Wildlife Society: (See written testimony).

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any questions? If not thank you Bill.

Mike Donahue - ND Wildlife Federation: We support this bill and we as for a Do Pass. We appreciate the volunteer hours of these instructors. We do recommend that the committee amend the bill to give the award at the 20 year mark. There was some concern that some may not live long enough to get this award. Depending on when they start their instruction year.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any questions? Rep. Porter.

Rep. Porter: Just maybe a comment. Maybe a change of lifestyle is needed for those who don't think they can make it past twenty years.

Rep. Galvin: If you back it down to the 20 year level then what would you do about the shotgun award? You would be giving the certificate before the shotgun.

Donahue: That is correct. We still would give them the shotgun or rifle, we just think that for the cost of this certificate, we thought the state would like to support the 20 year level.

Rep. Galvin: I guess what I meant was, you would be giving the big award before the small award.

Donahue: That depends on the cost of the rifle or shotgun.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any other questions? Thank you Mike, anyone else care to testify on this bill?

Paul Crary - Cass County Wildlife Club: We would like to show our favor of this bill and recommend a do pass.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any questions? Thank you Paul. Anyone else wish to testify on this bill?

Mark Diehl - Hunters Ed Instructor: I think this is a wonderful thing game and fish is offering us. We don't do this for the money. I think they have the right idea. We are doing this for the love of the sport and the safety of it. I want to see hunting propagated past my generation.

Vice Chair Nelson: Mark, as far as the curriculum, isn't there a section of hunters ethics. This course is more than just gun safety. Could you walk past some of the other aspects of this course that would be helpful.

Diehl: We teach gun safety, we teach history, we teach ethics, conservation, first aid, survival and game identification. My philosophy is we are never going to teach these kids to hunt, but as

far as proper things to do, if we walked away with respect for the landowner and the land, we have done our job. We donate 15 to 20 hours a year.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any other questions?

Hildebrand: We are getting a lot of adults coming with our kids, including females. That is gratifying to us too.

Rep. Keiser: Have you ever run the numbers on what the value of this program is to your agency?

Hildebrand: I could run that for you and it would be in the millions of dollars. You take the 500 to 700 instructors and the 6000 kids a year that you are educating and we had to pay mileage and instructor hours, heat and lights, it would be great. One of the problems is gun safety on campus and it is difficult to do that now a days, there is a liability situation with that and we need to get the best instructors we can. I can't commend the folks in ND enough for the tremendous job they do. That is why this bill is here.

Rep. Hanson: How many federal dollars do you get for this program?

Hildebrand: I can't answer that, we have an excise tax on guns and ammunition and some of those dollars come back to the state of ND. I don't have the answers but I can get that to you. It provides the infrastructure and office, we only have a couple of people that work in that program. They do a pretty good job.

Rep. Nottestad: On the federal dollars coming in, are any specified for hunter education or is that your option?

Hildebrand: No, they are specified for that.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Is there any more testimony?

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Norm Stumiller: I am one of the people who is going to get a gun in February and this is my 25th year of teaching. I appreciate what the Game and Fish is trying to do with this recognition. I have another five years before I reach 30, I would go along with lowering from 30.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Thank you, is there any opposition to this bill? If not I will close the hearing on HB 1070.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Would the committee like to take action on HB 1070?

Rep. Porter: I think it is an ongoing reward program that Game and Fish has already implemented. I think this is a carrot at the end of a long road of dedicated service. I think it is good the way it is, I would move a Do Pass.

Rep. Drovda: I second.

Chairman Rennerfeldt: Any further committee discussion on that? If not, call the roll.

Recommended Do Pass
Yes, 13 No, 0
2 absent and not voting

Carrier, Rep. Klein

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

12/18/2000

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1070

Amendment to:

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.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				(\$150)		(\$300)
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

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

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 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.*

Approximately three to four lifetime licenses would be issued each biennium at no charge.

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.*

About \$150 in revenue would be lost the first biennium. About \$300 would be lost the second year.

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.*

None

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.*

None

Name:	Paul Schadewald	Agency:	ND Game and Fish Department
Phone Number:	328-6328	Date Prepared:	12/18/2000

Date: January 19, 2001

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1070

House Natural Resources Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____

or

☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Porter Seconded Rep. Drovdal
By _____

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Earl Rennerfeldt - Chairman	x		Lyle Hanson	x	
Jon O. Nelson - Vice Chairman	x		Scot Kelsh	x	
Curtis E. Brekke	x		Lonnie B. Winrich	x	
Duane DeKrey			Dorvan Solberg	x	
David Drovdal	x				
Pat Galvin	x				
George Keiser					
Frank Klein	x				
Darrell D. Nottestad	x				
Todd Porter	x				
Dave Weller	x				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Rep. Frank Klein

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 18, 2001 4:37 p.m.

Module No: HR-08-1258
Carrier: F. Klein
Insert LC: . **Title:** .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1070: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Rennerfeldt, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1070 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES

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☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-9-01

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Minutes:

SENATOR FISCHER opened the hearing on HB 1070.

ROGER ROSTUET, representing the North Dakota Game & Fish Department the sponsor of HB1070, A BILL RELATING TO GRATIS HUNTING LICENSES FOR CERTIFIED HUNTER EDUCATION VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS AND RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATE FEES, testified the bill is a good bill for good people to do good things (See attached testimony).

SENATOR CHRISTMANN: asked what kind of licenses would be granted to these volunteers.

ROGER ROSTUET answered that it is a sportsmen's license and does not entitle them any of the special lottery tags or any preference in the lottery tags but covers basic hunting, fishing, fur bearer and excludes the special lottery tags like turkey or deer tags.

PAUL CRARY representing the Cass County Wildlife Club testified in support of the HB 1070.

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Senate Natural Resources Committee

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MIKE DONAHUE representing the North Dakota Wildlife Federation and the United Sportsmen of North Dakota testified in support and strongly urged passage of HB 1070.

BILL PFEIFER, presenting the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society testified in support of HB 1070 (See attached testimony). He further told the Committee that in the 20 year period of 1959 to 1979 there were 73 fatality and that had dropped in the next 20 year period (1979-1999) to 10 fatalities.

There was no testimony in opposition of HB 1070.

SENATOR TOLLEFSON closed the hearing on HB 1070.

SENATOR CHRISTMANN made a motion for "DO PASS" of HB 1070.

SENATOR FREBORG second the motion.

SENATOR TOLLEFSON called for a roll vote of HB 1070. The vote indicated 7 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

SENATOR CHRISTMANN will carry HB 1070.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 9, 2001 1:57 p.m.

Module No: SR-24-2889
Carrier: Christmann
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1070: Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Fischer, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1070 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

HB 1070

Roger Rosset

TESTIMONY OF THE NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
HB:1070 HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR RECOGNITION
HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 18, 2001

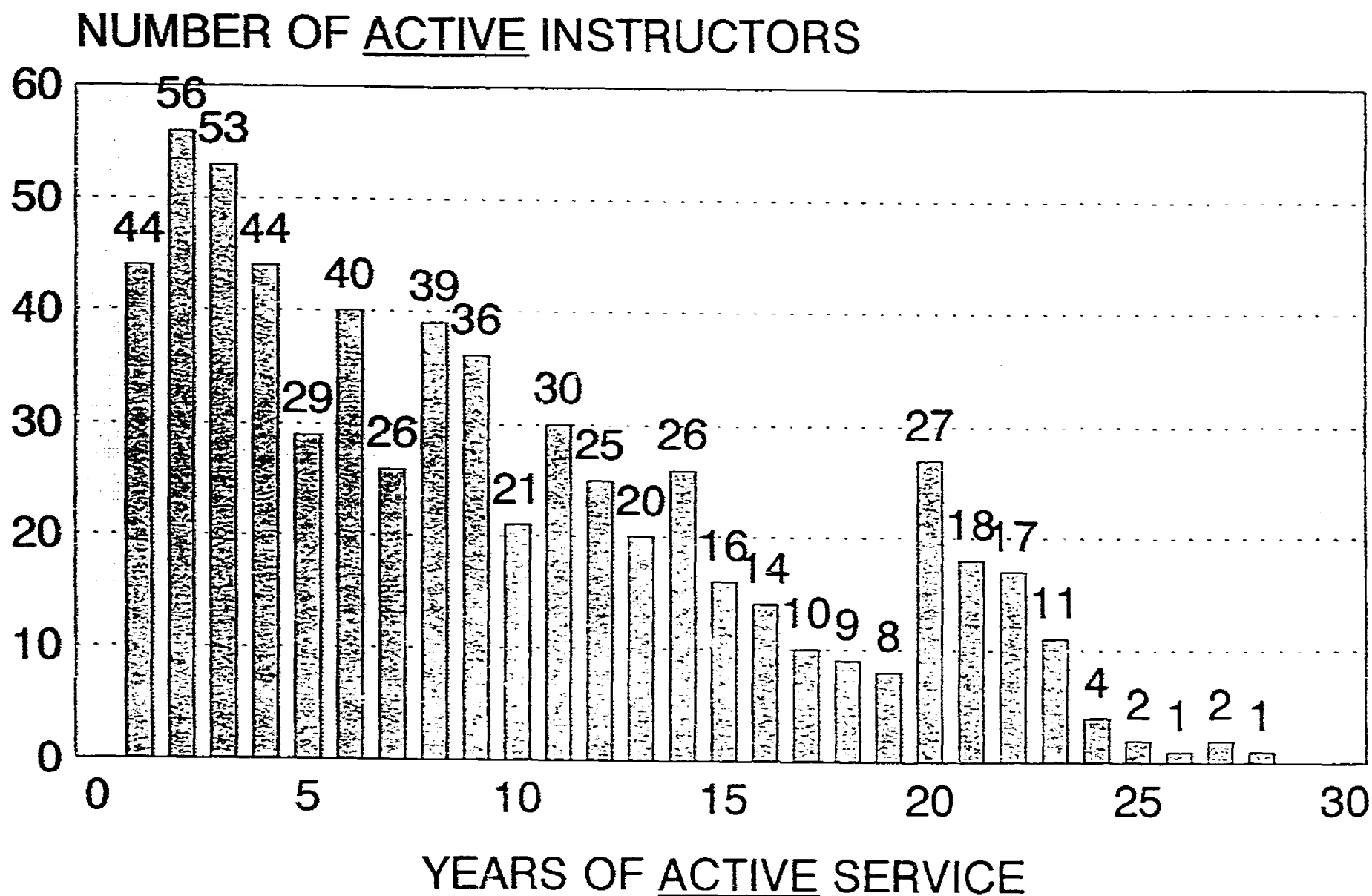
This legislation will establish the provision of a complimentary lifetime resident combination license to all North Dakota resident volunteer hunter education instructors who achieve thirty years of active service to the Department. Active service consists of teaching part or all of a class during a calendar year and attending a workshop every two years. Active service years are not necessarily consecutive but are considered on a cumulative year active basis.

The hunter education volunteer instructor program is unparalleled in terms of hours of vital no cost quality service provided to state government. Hunter education volunteer instructors number nearly 700 men and women who provide gun safety instruction to nearly 6,000 students each and every year across the entire state. These instructors by the 30 year service juncture in their volunteer commitment have literally given over 2,000 hours or one staff year of their time including course preparation time, classroom time, travel time and workshop time.

Such a gesture is bound more to recognition and prestige than actual monetary value. The license will complement an established five year interval recognition system which has greatly impacted the service longevity and retention of these priceless volunteers. I have a service longevity chart for your perusal depicting the numbers that will reach this recognition level in the coming years. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department supports a **Do pass** recommendation of HB1070.

NORTH DAKOTA HUNTER EDUCATION

INSTRUCTOR LONGEVITY PROFILE



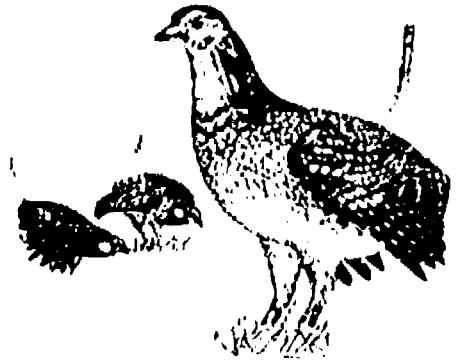
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**TESTIMONY OF BILL PFEIFER
NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE
ON HB 1070, JANUARY 18, 2001**

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I'm Bill Pfeifer speaking on behalf of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, an organization of approximately 300 professional natural resource managers, scientists, and educators. The Wildlife Society supports HB 1070 as it relates to hunter education volunteer instructors.

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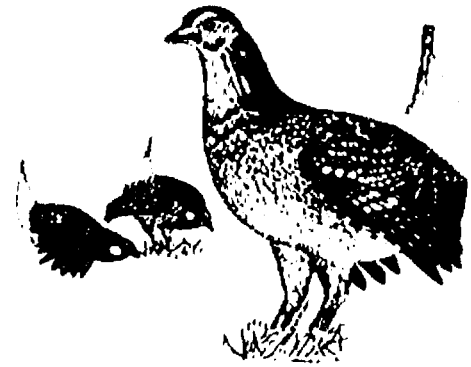
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ON HB 1070, FEBRUARY 9, 2001**

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