



Iowa Legislative Report

Iowa Bowhunter Association

Week 12: March 30th – April 4th, 2015

It was a slow week at the Capitol on issues of importance to IBA members. The second major funnel deadline was Thursday and many of the committee meetings were canceled this week. Thursday was the final date for policy bills to be reported out of committee in the other chamber. That effectively will dramatically reduce the number of bills eligible for consideration this session. We are seeing a lot of bills that are passing one chamber and dying in committee in the other chamber. Legislative leaders will send many of the bills back to committee next week to reflect the legislative funnel.

One bill of interest to IBA members barely escaped the funnel. It is House File 467 and passed the House early in the week and was reported out of the Senate Natural Resources Committee yesterday. The bill modifies the penalty for not reporting deer and turkey harvest. It is on the Senate calendar and will be eligible for debate next week. We will update all of the activity on bills of interest next week.

There was no activity on the I Will initiative this week. There was speculation that a bipartisan bill would be introduced in the House, but it didn't materialize and the reality is that there is no bill in either chamber eligible for consideration this session and we are less than four weeks from the date when the legislature is scheduled to adjourn. The expected Senate Ways and Means bill was not introduced either. The odds of action this year appear to be growing slimmer each passing day.

In other news this week, Democrats offered to split the difference in funding for allowable growth for K-12 state school aid this week. The republicans rejected the offer and are holding firm at 1.25%. Until this issue is resolved one way or the other, it is difficult for work on other areas of the budget to proceed. We still do not have budget targets for the subcommittees to work with and the budget subcommittee has not met for weeks.

We are less than four weeks from legislator's expense per diem running out. Usually adjournment occurs shortly after they have to start paying for their own expenses. One alternative is for leaders to send most of their members home while they negotiate over the budget. That alternative can drag the session on well into June, but they have to eventually pass a budget by June 30th (the end of the state's fiscal year).

The following is a list of bills of interest and their most recent activity. Please take a look at the bills and give us any feedback you have on them. The bills are hot linked to the state system which should give you access to their full text and status. The list will be a lot shorter next week.

[Senate File 427](#)

A bill for an act relating to the making, transferring, and possession of firearms and suppressors, and providing penalties. (Formerly [SSB 1263](#).)

Apr. 01 15

Read first time, referred to Judiciary. [H.J. 738](#).

Sponsored by Judiciary.

[Senate File 425](#)

A bill for an act relating to the possession, manufacture, acquisition, and sale of firearms and suppressors, providing penalties, and including effective date and applicability provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1251](#).)

Mar. 09 15

Committee report, approving bill. [S.J. 488](#).

Sponsored by Judiciary.

[Senate File 409](#)

A bill for an act extending the period of time for collecting sales tax for deposit in the secure an advanced vision for education fund. (Formerly [SF 255](#); see [SF 477](#).)

Mar. 09 15

Subcommittee, Hogg, Allen, and Anderson. [S.J. 497](#).

Sponsored by Education.

[Senate File 393](#)

A bill for an act creating the invasive forest pests revolving loan program and fund and including appropriations. (Formerly [SSB 1207](#).)

Mar. 12 15

Subcommittee, Wilhelm, Dvorsky, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 591](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[Senate File 392](#)

A bill for an act relating to hunter education license requirements, providing for a hunting license with an apprentice hunter designation, and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1206](#).)

Mar. 24 15

Message from House. [S.J. 695](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[Senate File 382](#)

A bill for an act relating to air quality, by providing for the establishment, assessment, and collection of fees, establishing a fund, and making appropriations. (Formerly [SSB 1222](#); see [SF 488](#).)

Mar. 09 15

Subcommittee, Bolkcom, Petersen, and Smith. [S.J. 497](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[Senate File 381](#)

A bill for an act relating to the control of disease in wildlife and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1189](#).)

Mar. 11 15

Read first time, referred to Natural Resources. [H.J. 547](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[Senate File 357](#)

A bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation by increasing the sales and use tax rates, establishing transfers to the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund, and including effective date provisions.

Mar. 03 15

Subcommittee, Johnson, Bolkcom, and Dearden. [S.J. 429](#).

Sponsored by Johnson and Dearden.

[Senate File 321](#)

A bill for an act concerning financial incentives received under a master contract established by the department of administrative services. (Formerly [SSB 1174](#).)

Mar. 17 15

Subcommittee, Watts, Highfill, and Prichard. [H.J. 634](#).

Sponsored by State Government.

[Senate File 255](#)

A bill for an act extending the period of time for collecting sales tax for deposit in the secure advanced vision for education fund. (See [SF 409](#) and [SF 477](#).)

Feb. 18 15

Subcommittee, Hogg, Dvorsky, and Kraayenbrink. [S.J. 325](#).

Sponsored by Jochum, Sinclair, McCoy, Quirmbach, Dvorsky, Dotzler, Bolkcom, Peters

[Senate File 218](#)

A bill for an act relating to the operation of a snowmobile within the right-of-way of an interstate highway or freeway and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1119](#).)

Mar. 18 15

Committee report, recommending passage. [H.J. 638](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[Senate File 28](#)

A bill for an act relating to the property tax exemption for property designated to be a native prairie or wetland and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Jan. 20 15

Subcommittee, Hogg, Allen, and Schultz. [S.J. 118](#).

Sponsored by Taylor.

Senate Study Bill 1197

A study bill for an act relating to and making appropriations involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection. 2/18/2015 Subcommittee: Dvorsky, Wilhelm, and Chapman

LSB 1027XG

[Senate Study Bill 1197](#)

Senate Study Bill 1119

A study bill for an act relating to the operation of a snowmobile within the right-of-way of an interstate highway or freeway and including penalty provisions. 1/29/2015 Subcommittee:

Schoenjahn, Kinney, and Behn

LSB 1961XC

[Senate Study Bill 1119](#)

[Senate File 218](#)

A bill for an act relating to the operation of a snowmobile within the right-of-way of an interstate highway or freeway and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1119](#).)

Mar. 18 15

Committee report, recommending passage. [H.J. 638](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

Senate Study Bill 1106

A study bill for an act relating to the property tax exemption for property designated to be a native prairie or wetland and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

1/28/2015 Subcommittee: Hogg, Allen, and Behn

LSB 1104XC

[Senate Study Bill 1106](#)

[Senate File 28](#)

A bill for an act relating to the property tax exemption for property designated to be a native prairie or wetland and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Jan. 20 15

Subcommittee, Hogg, Allen, and Schultz. [S.J. 118](#).

Sponsored by Taylor.

[House File 586](#)

A bill for an act relating to animal feeding operations, by providing for information contained in public records, the use of vehicles or tank wagons used in the application of manure, biosecurity requirements, and county documents. (Formerly [HF 440](#))

Mar. 30 15

Amendment [H-1163](#) filed. [H.J. 730](#).

Sponsored by Agriculture.

[House File 578](#)

A bill for an act relating to the observation of a department of natural resources investigation by a property owner or person in charge of the property. (Formerly [HF 415](#))

Mar. 31 15

Committee report, recommending passage. [S.J. 755](#).

Sponsored by Agriculture.

[House File 577](#)

A bill for an act relating to hunter education license requirements, providing for a hunting license with an apprentice hunter designation, and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [HSB 195](#))

Mar. 24 15
Withdrawn. [H.J. 690](#).
Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 529](#)

A bill for an act relating to drainage and levee districts, by providing for mergers, repairs and improvements, and elections. (Formerly [HF 401](#))

Mar. 23 15
Subcommittee, Hart, Sinclair, and Taylor. [S.J. 681](#).
Sponsored by Agriculture.

[House File 527](#)

A bill for an act relating to the manufacture, acquisition, sale, and use of firearms and suppressors, providing penalties, and including effective date and applicability provisions. (Formerly [HSB 201](#))

Mar. 10 15
Read first time and attached to similar [SF 425](#). [S.J. 522](#).
Sponsored by Judiciary.

[House File 486](#)

A bill for an act relating to the payment of writing fees when purchasing a combination package of hunting or fishing licenses. (Formerly [HSB 194](#))

Mar. 26 15
Passed subcommittee.
Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 467](#)

A bill for an act relating to violations of deer and wild turkey harvest reporting requirements and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [HF 278](#))

Mar. 31 15
Committee report, recommending passage. [S.J. 755](#).
Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 299](#)

A bill for an act prohibiting the use of agreements concerning private land owners entered into by the loess hills development and conservation authority or the loess hills alliance.

Mar. 31 15
Committee report, recommending passage. [S.J. 754](#).
Sponsored by Windschitl.

[House File 288](#)

A bill for an act allowing the taking of catfish by bow and arrow and providing penalties. (Formerly [HF 42](#))

Mar. 11 15
Subcommittee, Dearden, Bolkcom, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 559](#).
Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 261](#)

A bill for an act relating to the regulation of smokeless powder as an explosive material. (Formerly [HSB 87](#))

Mar. 17 15

Subcommittee, Sodders, Kinney, and Shipley. [S.J. 600](#).

Sponsored by Judiciary.

[House File 117](#)

A bill for an act prohibiting the hunting or taking of cougars and making penalties applicable.

Feb. 03 15

Subcommittee, Baudler, Koester, and Thede. [H.J. 248](#).

Sponsored by Deyoe.

House Study Bill 223

A study bill relating to the use of eminent domain authority, modifying and establishing related procedures, and including effective date and applicability provisions. 3-24-15 Subcommittee assigned, Kaufmann, Heartsill, and Lensing. H.J. 692. 3-24-15 Passed subcommittee. (See Cmte.

Bill HF 619)

LSB 2616YC

[House Study Bill 223](#)

[House File 619](#)

A bill for an act relating to the use of eminent domain authority, modifying and establishing related procedures, and including effective date and applicability provisions. (Formerly [HSB 223](#))

Apr. 01 15

Introduced, placed on calendar. [H.J. 737](#).

Sponsored by Government Oversight.

House Study Bill 219

A study bill relating to air quality, by providing for the establishment, assessment, and collection of fees, establishing a fund, and making appropriations. 3-16-15 Subcommittee assigned, Hein, Grassley, and Isenhardt. H.J. 584.

LSB 2577YC

[House Study Bill 219](#)

House Study Bill 211

A study bill for providing for an environmental practices tax credit, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. 3-4-15 Subcommittee assigned, Hein, Grassley, and Ruff. H.J. 467.

[Senate Study Bill 1258](#)

[House Study Bill 211](#)

[Senate File 433](#)

Mar. 12 15

Subcommittee, Bolkcom, Behn, and Quirnbach. [S.J. 591](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

House Study Bill 182

A study bill for limiting the state's use of moneys in the open spaces account of the resource enhancement and protection fund to acquire an interest in land by exercising the power of eminent domain and including effective date provisions.

[House Study Bill 182](#)