

Iowa Legislative Report

Iowa Bowhunters Association

Week 8: February 28th – March 5th, 2016

Legislators spent much of the week in subcommittee and committee meetings in preparation for next Friday's (March 11th) funnel deadline. Most bills have to be reported out of committee in the other chamber to remain eligible for consideration this session. There are not as many bills as we usually see at this point in the session, probably due in part to the tight state budget and limited resources for new programs.

Most of the legislative attention continues to remain on the budget - the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) is scheduled to meet in two weeks and their projection will likely spark budget deliberations. The conference committee on State Supplemental Aid to Schools seems to be making some progress and the resolution of the issue seems to be tied to the IRC coupling bill. Work on the DNR budget should begin in earnest after next week's funnel deadline.

It has been a long, contentious session for issues of importance to IBA members. As an example, the House republican caucus reviewed the turtle bill in private earlier this week. The caucus deadlocked on the legislation for reasons unknown, but it appears unlikely that the bill will meet the funnel deadline because of concerns related to the DNR but not related to the substance of the bill.

The IWILL Alliance had their day at the Capitol this week. Attendance was good but not great. Legislators spent part of the morning in caucuses and committee meetings and some of the participants expressed that it was difficult to get to their legislators. Media coverage was not the best, but there have been a lot of groups having functions at the Capitol lately. It is unlikely that the legislature will consider the bill this year unless the Governor indicates his support for the initiative and that is unlikely given his soil conservation/education proposal. His proposal survived the funnel but appears to lack sufficient votes for passage.

We have a VERY large number of bills alive at this point in the session. In the Senate: SF 2286 on blinds in public hunting areas and SR 2004 on the constitutional protection for hunting, fishing and trapping are on the Senate calendar awaiting action.

On the House calendar awaiting action we have the following bills: HF 2405 on seizure by DNR officers, HF 2403 on baiting; HF 2193 on search warrants by peace officers on private property (overturns the open fields doctrine) and HF 2358 on straight wall cartridges.

The House has passed a number of bills of interest that are awaiting consideration by the Senate including: HF 2281 allowing fishing on private ponds without a license (unlikely to move); HF 2281 allowing minors under the age of 14 to shoot pistols with parental supervision (in a subcommittee unlikely to move the bill); and HF 2343 on fur storage (probably will move).

The session has passed the halfway point and both parties seem to want to get the session adjourned in a more timely manner than the past couple of years. April 19th is the 100th day of the session and the date when per diem expense reimbursement for legislators expires.

The following is a list of bills of interest. 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.

[Senate File 2286](#)

A bill for an act relating to the identification of owners of blinds and stands for hunting placed on public land and making penalties applicable. (Formerly [SF 2003](#).)

Feb. 22 16

Committee report, approving bill. [S.J. 313](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[Senate File 2262](#)

A bill for an act relating to forfeiture of property for criminal offenses. (Formerly [SF 2166](#).)

Feb. 22 16

Committee report, approving bill. [S.J. 283](#).

Sponsored by Judiciary.

[Senate File 2045](#)

A bill for an act allowing a person to carry an uncased and loaded firearm while operating or riding an all-terrain vehicle as part of a farm operation and including a penalty.

Jan. 26 16

Subcommittee, Dearden, Bolkcom, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 106](#).

Sponsored by Sinclair, Schultz, Shipley, Kapucian, Chelgren, Rozenboom, Behn,

[Senate File 504](#)

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. (Formerly [SSB 1272](#).)

Jan. 25 16

Subcommittee, Bolkcom, Behn, and Petersen. [S.J. 98](#).

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[Senate Joint Resolution 2004](#)

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa providing that the people of the state have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife. (Formerly [SSB 3126](#).)

Feb. 17 16

Committee report, approving bill. [S.J. 263](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[House File 2423](#)

A bill for an act prohibiting the purchase of weapons seized as a public nuisance by certain persons. (Formerly [HF 2144](#))

Feb. 25 16

Introduced, referred to Judiciary. [H.J. 332](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 2410](#)

A bill for an act relating to water quality improvement, by providing for water quality programs, projects, and practices, approving designs for soil and water conservation practices, prioritizing watersheds, and reducing property taxes on land reserved for conservation practices. (Formerly [HF 2211](#))

Feb. 23 16

Introduced, referred to Ways & Means. [H.J. 293](#).

Sponsored by Agriculture.

[House File 2405](#)

A bill for an act relating to the seizure of property by the department of natural resources. (Formerly [HF 2143](#))

Mar. 03 16

Immediate message. [H.J. 415](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 2403](#)

A bill for an act relating to the baiting of deer on public or private property and providing penalties. (Formerly [HF 2160](#))

Mar. 01 16

Amendments [H-8049](#) and [H-8053](#) filed. [H.J. 377](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 2385](#)

A bill for an act relating to littering and illegal dumping and modifying penalties. (Formerly [HF 2154](#))

Mar. 03 16

Subcommittee, Brase, Ragan, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 436](#).

Sponsored by Environmental Protection.

[House File 2374](#)

A bill for an act relating to tagging requirements for deer carcasses and including penalties. (Formerly [HF 2179](#))

Feb. 19 16

Introduced, placed on calendar. [H.J. 268](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 2365](#)

A bill for an act waiving certain hunter education requirements for residents who are active duty military personnel or honorably discharged veterans. (Formerly [HSB 582](#))

Mar. 03 16

Subcommittee, Dearden, Brase, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 436](#).

Sponsored by Veterans Affairs.

[House File 2358](#)

A bill for an act relating to the use of a straight wall cartridge rifle to hunt deer and including penalties. (Formerly [HF 2047](#))

Feb. 19 16

Introduced, placed on calendar. [H.J. 265](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 2357](#)

A bill for an act relating to turtle harvesting in the state and including effective date provisions. (Formerly [HSB 610](#))

Feb. 25 16

Amendment [H-8034](#) filed. [H.J. 345](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 2347](#)

A bill for an act providing for an individual income tax credit for the purchase of a gun safe under certain conditions and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. (Formerly [HSB 586](#))

Feb. 25 16

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Sponsored by Public Safety.

[House File 2343](#)

A bill for an act relating to possession and storage of game or fur-bearing animals and their pelts and including penalties. (Formerly [HF 2120](#))

Mar. 03 16

Subcommittee, Kinney, Schoenjahn, and Shipley. [S.J. 436](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 2342](#)

A bill for an act relating to signatures and other writing on applications for hunting, fishing, and fur harvester licenses. (Formerly [HF 2247](#))

Mar. 02 16

Subcommittee, Kinney, Brase, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 426](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 2281](#)

A bill for an act relating to the possession of a pistol, revolver, or ammunition by persons under fourteen years of age, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly [HF 2042](#))

Feb. 24 16

Subcommittee, Petersen, Quirnbach, and Whitver. [S.J. 359](#).

Sponsored by Judiciary.

[House File 2280](#)

A bill for an act relating to the regulation of firearms and ammunition in a state of public emergency and providing a remedy. (Formerly [HF 2044](#))

Feb. 24 16

Subcommittee, Horn, Soddors, and Whitver. [S.J. 359](#).

Sponsored by Judiciary.

[House File 2262](#)

A bill for an act allowing fishing without a license on certain private lakes and ponds and providing a penalty. (Formerly [HF 2046](#))

Feb. 23 16

Subcommittee, Dearden, Brase, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 327](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources.

[House File 2193](#)

A bill for an act requiring search warrants for certain activities under the jurisdiction of the natural resource commission.

Feb. 19 16

Committee amendment [H-8009](#) filed. [H.J. 270](#).

Sponsored by Heartsill, Taylor, R., Gassman, Holt, Klein, Mommsen, Kaufmann, Watts

[House File 2168](#)

A bill for an act modifying penalties for trespassing.
Feb. 24 16
Subcommittee, Horn, Garrett, and Sodders. [S.J. 358](#).
Sponsored by Heartsill.

[House File 2144](#)

A bill for an act prohibiting the purchase of weapons seized as a public nuisance by certain persons affiliated with the department of natural resources. (See Cmte. Bill [HF 2423](#))
Feb. 16 16
Passed subcommittee.
Sponsored by Heartsill, Taylor, R., Klein, Baudler, Sheets, Watts, Holt, Branhagen

[House File 625](#)

A bill for an act relating to the payment of writing fees when purchasing a combination package of hunting or fishing licenses. (Formerly [HF 486](#)) (Formerly [HSB 194](#))
* * * * * END OF 2015 ACTIONS * * * * *
Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[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](#))
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Sponsored by Agriculture.

[House File 2365](#)

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Subcommittee, Dearden, Brase, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 436](#).
Sponsored by Veterans Affairs.