



# Iowa Legislative Report

## Iowa Bowhunters Association

Week 3: January 24th – January 30th, 30th, 2016

The third week of the session was another short one at the Capitol. Most of the abbreviated one with the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday and the legislature going home on Thursday. Both chambers debated the state supplemental aid to schools and it is likely that the bill will be sent to conference committee in the near future.

In an attempt to move the debate on School Aid forward, the Senate democrats released budget targets this week (usually those targets are not out until after the spring Revenue Estimating Conference meets in April). The Senate budget targets for the AG/NR budget subcommittee is the same as the Governor's recommendation.

In news of interest to IBA members, the DNR director testified in front of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. He talked about the funding shortfall in the Fish and Game Trust Fund and the need for additional funds. He stopped short of saying that the Department would be asking for license fee increases, but did say that it was likely that the advocacy groups would be asking for the increases. He also responded to several questions on the public lands and property tax issue. The Director commented on the baiting issue and said that food plots and normal farming practices were ok and that violations occurred when an animal was shot over the bait.

In related developments, the judge in the Marion County case made a ruling this week on motions to suppress evidence in the highly public case with the trophy deer. The judge ruled in favor of the prosecution on the motions but was critical of the officers to some extent. It is clear that baiting will be a legislative issue this session. We have been informed that there will be legislation on the baiting issue to clarify what constitutes "baiting".

Representative Hartsill has legislation to remove the requirement that a person has to be asked to vacate the premises before they can be charged with trespassing. Basically, it would mean that a law enforcement officer could charge an individual with trespassing if they are on property without permission without the landowner telling them to leave. It has scheduled fines for violations. He has asked for feedback on the bill.

The following is a list of bills of interest that were introduced this week. 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 2058](#) **Creates a mechanism to allow bonding for municipal parks.**

A bill for an act relating to municipal park improvements by authorizing the establishment of municipal park improvement districts, the issuance of bonds, and the imposition of specified taxes.

Jan. 26 16

Introduced, referred to Local Government. [S.J. 103](#).

Sponsored by McCoy, Dvorsky, Dotzler, Petersen, Horn, Dearden, Gronstal, Jochum and

[Senate File 2053](#) **Prohibits the DRC from restricting hunting on private property if the person has a valid hunting license. Unclear impact.**

A bill for an act relating to the restriction of hunting on private property by the natural resource commission.  
Jan. 26 16  
Subcommittee, Dearden, Brase, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 106](#).  
Sponsored by Chapman.

[Senate File 2045](#) Allows the carrying of a loaded firearm uncased while operating an ATV if engaged in farming operations.

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 2027](#) Adds legislative members to water resources coordinating council.

A bill for an act providing for the appointment of members of the general assembly to serve on the water resources coordinating council.  
Jan. 20 16  
Subcommittee, Bolkcom, Dearden, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 85](#).  
Sponsored by Bolkcom.

[Senate File 2026](#) Allows persons with license to carry to carry handguns while deer hunting.

A bill for an act relating to possession and use of certain handguns while hunting deer and including penalties.  
Jan. 20 16  
Subcommittee, Dearden, Bolkcom, and Shipley. [S.J. 80](#).  
Sponsored by Chelgren, Behn, Bertrand, Anderson, Shipley, Costello, Kraayenbrink,

[Senate File 2020](#) One of what is expected to be several bills restricting the harvest of turtles. The bill prohibits any commercial harvest and allows the DNR to establish recreational seasons between July 15th and December 31st.

A bill for an act relating to the harvesting of turtles and including penalties.  
Jan. 20 16  
Subcommittee, McCoy, Anderson, and Courtney. [S.J. 80](#).  
Sponsored by McCoy.

[Senate File 2014](#) Requires a landowner to notify the DOT if they intend to harvest grass in a roadway and prohibits harvest before July 15th.

A bill for an act relating to harvesting grass growing in a public road right-of-way.  
Jan. 13 16  
Introduced, referred to Transportation. [S.J. 58](#).  
Sponsored by Schoenjahn.

[Senate File 2003](#) Requires an ID tag on stands/blinds on public land - bill was passed out of subcommittee with ICA language to clarify that the license number doesn't need to be on the tag and that it applies to blinds and stands and all hunting.

A bill for an act relating to the identification of owners of blinds and stands for hunting deer placed on public land and making penalties applicable.  
Jan. 12 16  
Subcommittee, Brase, Johnson, and Ragan. [S.J. 46](#).  
Sponsored by Johnson.

[Senate File 507](#) Last year's bill.

A bill for an act relating to state revenue and finance laws by exempting certain all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles from the sales and use tax, modifying the flood mitigation program, and modifying the disabled veteran homestead tax credit, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1224](#).)

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[Senate File 504](#) I Will - On calendar but unlikely to move unless Governor changes position.

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](#).)

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[Senate File 427](#) Allows the use of suppressors.

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

Sponsored by Judiciary.

[Senate File 393](#) Last year's bill - unlikely to move.

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

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[Senate File 28](#) Last year's bill - unlikely to move.

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.

Sponsored by Taylor.

[Senate Resolution 101](#) Nonbinding symbolic resolution

A resolution supporting the federal government's proposed rule changes that would restrict the sale of African ivory across state lines.

Jan. 20 16

Resolution filed, referred to Rules & Administration. [S.J. 84](#).

Sponsored by McCoy.

[Senate Joint Resolution 2003](#) Ensures constitutional right to hunt and fish.

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.

Jan. 26 16

Introduced, referred to Rules & Administration. [S.J. 102](#).

Sponsored by Dearden.

[House File 2108](#) Allows the use of 410 shotguns for turkey hunting.

A bill for an act requiring the natural resource commission to allow the use of certain shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns when hunting wild turkey and providing a penalty.

Jan. 26 16

Introduced, referred to Natural Resources. [H.J. 120](#).

Sponsored by Holt, Sheets, Gassman, Baxter, Heartsill, Carlson, Watts, Gustafson,

[House File 2098](#) Eliminates registration requirements for ATVs used primarily for ag versus exclusively for ag purposes.

A bill for an act relating to registration requirements for certain all-terrain and off-road utility vehicles used primarily as farm implements.

Jan. 26 16

Subcommittee, Paustian, Heddens, and Huseman. [H.J. 123](#).

Sponsored by Sheets, Fisher, Gassman, Salmon, Maxwell, Klein, Moore, B., Paulsen a

[House File 2066](#) Allows persons with license to carry to carry on snowmobiles and ATVs.

A bill for an act relating to carrying a firearm while operating or riding on a snowmobile or an all-terrain vehicle.

Jan. 20 16

Introduced, referred to Natural Resources. [H.J. 91](#).

Sponsored by Klein.

[House File 2047](#) Allows the use of straight wall high power rifles for deer hunting for disabled or youth hunters.

A bill for an act relating to the use of a straight wall cartridge rifle to hunt deer and including penalties.

Jan. 15 16

Introduced, referred to Natural Resources. [H.J. 80](#).

Sponsored by Baxter, Ourth, Vander Linden, Baudler, Kaufmann, Salmon, Watts, Holt,

[House File 2046](#) Allows fishing on private lakes without a fishing license.

A bill for an act allowing fishing without a license on certain private lakes and ponds and providing a penalty.

Jan. 15 16

Introduced, referred to Natural Resources. [H.J. 80](#).

Sponsored by Paulsen.

[House File 2044](#) Prohibits any restrictions on firearms during a state of emergency.

A bill for an act relating to the regulation of firearms and ammunition in a state of public emergency and providing a remedy.

Jan. 21 16

Passed subcommittee.

Sponsored by Windschitl.

[House File 2043](#) Allows suppressors.

A bill for an act relating to possessing and transferring firearm suppressors, providing penalties, and including effective date provisions.

Jan. 19 16

Subcommittee, Baxter, Oldson, and Windschitl. [H.J. 87](#).

Sponsored by Windschitl.

[House File 2042](#) Allows youths to use pistols if under parental supervision.

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.

Jan. 19 16

Subcommittee, Windschitl, Oldson, and Paulsen. [H.J. 87](#).

Sponsored by Windschitl.

[House File 2014](#) **Prohibits the rafting of vessels within 100 yards of shore and regulates the number and conduct.**

A bill for an act relating to rafting safety regulations and including penalties.

Jan. 13 16

Introduced, referred to Natural Resources. [H.J. 71](#).

Sponsored by Wills.

[House File 653](#) **Last year's proposal.**

A bill for an act relating to state taxation by modifying the disabled veteran homestead tax credit, property tax exemptions authorized for certain associations, institutions, and societies, the definition of livestock for purposes of the sales and use tax, exempting certain all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles from the sales and use tax, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. (Formerly [HSB 217](#))

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[House File 625](#) **Last year's proposal.**

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](#))

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[House File 578](#) **Last year's proposal.**

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](#))

Sponsored by Agriculture.

**House Study Bill 256 Last year's proposal ion I Will.**

A study bill relating to state taxes and revenue by creating an alternative base income tax, modifying the state sales and use tax rates and the distribution of revenues from the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

[House Study Bill 256](#)

**House Study Bill 251 Last year's proposal.**

A study bill for providing for an environmental practices agreement and related tax credit, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. 4-28-15 Subcommittee assigned, Hein, Grassley, and Kearns. H.J. 928. 5-4-15 Passed subcommittee.

[House Study Bill 251](#)

**House Study Bill 211 Last year's proposal.**

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](#) **Last year's proposal.**

A bill for an act providing for an environmental practices tax credit, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1258](#).)

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment

