

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing legislative intent with reference to the issuance of special three-day nonresident waterfowl licenses.

WHEREAS, the Interim Hunting Issues Committee has worked closely with the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to formulate a new initiative to provide for the issuance of special three-day nonresident waterfowl licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Hunting Issues Committee has introduced legislation to authorize the issuance of such licenses but finds that there are significant policy considerations that should be expressed in reference to the licenses that are inappropriate in statute; and

WHEREAS, it is important to support the Game, Fish and Parks Commission as it formulates the policies to effectively implement this license initiative:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the following legislative findings be referred to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission for appropriate action:

Before the Game, Fish and Parks Commission issues any three-day nonresident fall waterfowl licenses, the Commission should be satisfied that sufficient public access has been provided. The public access must be new access and not access to areas presently open to the public for waterfowl hunting. New access may consist of:

- (1) Roads or trails not currently identified or used for public hunting;
- (2) Lands presently classified as "take-line" waterfowl refuges.
- (3) Walk-in access having good waterfowl hunting opportunities which are leased from private landowners.
- (4) Corps of Engineers land made more accessible by having roads or trails constructed.

Since three days of hunting opportunity will be provided with each nonresident three-day license, additional public hunting opportunity should also consist of three hunter days of additional access per three-day nonresident license issued. In order for the Commission to issue the total 2,000 three-day permits, 6,000 days of new waterfowl hunting opportunity access should be provided for the public. Finally, the nonresident three-day waterfowl license and no more than 1,500 regular ten-day nonresident waterfowl licenses should be restricted by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission to

counties along the Missouri River.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 3, 1998
February 17, 1998

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