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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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With the House of Representatives back into session on June 7, 2017, the House Game & Fisheries Committee was to once again consider both Senate Bill 30, and Senate Bill 192; which would allow the PF&BC and PGC to set their own fees. Having been tabled in a 14-13 vote by the Committee this past March, every effort has been made by those legislators supporting the bills to garner sufficient support for successful passage in committee, and thus send them for a full House vote. As this report is written there has been little action in regard to either license increase bills. It appears as if there is more interest in considering a straight increase than in the proposed language of granting both agencies the power to set their own fees.

Other pieces of proposed legislation of concern to bow hunters and all sportsmen of the Commonwealth include the following.

SB 720- Senator Charles McIlhinney, Jr. (R) 10th District, Bucks County. A proposal to amend the State Constitution providing the right to hunt, fish, and harvest game. Since this is a Constitutional Amendment it will require the approval of two consecutive legislative sessions before the approval of voters will be sought in a referendum.

HCO 2130 is a call for sponsors by Representative David Maloney (R) 130th District, Berks County for a proposal to establish an independent Forest and Wildlife Advisory Council (FWAC), to

assist the PA Game Commission in performing its duties.

In regards to the HCO 2130 it must be pointed out that this proposal was also part of the failed HB 2083, which had all the earmarks of an attempt to remove, or at least over ride, the PGC in regards to management of white-tailed deer and habitat. The original make-up of the FWAC in HB 2083 would have included certain legislators and individuals either affiliated with the Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, or supportive of their unscientific and misguided precepts and concepts.

The primary goal of HB 2083 was to base deer and habitat management on the theoretical concept of maximum sustained yield, a management concept proposed in the 1930's and abandoned by wildlife and habitat professionals due to its implausibility and likely catastrophic results for both the health of the deer herd, as well as that of our forests and woodlands. I seriously doubt that the proposals of HCO 2130 are anything less than the guise or veiled intent of HB 2083.

A reminder to members to contact their legislators to indicate your support or opposition to proposed bills. Legislators often indicate that they hear very little from supporters of legislation while receiving more from those who oppose.

PRESIDENT RICK CONLEY: MEMO

Turkeys are safe again – the ones I hunted were safe all along. Nice time to be in the woods again. Hope everyone stayed safe – be careful out there. Now we're thinking of beach time and keeping the lawn mowed. Have a great summer and plan to come to the UBP campout. It's a fun time for family and friends. Games, 3D course and lots of food. Nightly campfires are a great way to relax!

YOU REPRESENT THE UBP

On May 26 of this year, someone driving a navy or black pickup truck failed to yield entering I-376 from the Pittsburgh airport and caused two other vehicles to collide while trying to avoid the pickup driver. The driver did not stop. This was brought to our attention because the driver of the pickup displayed a UBP license plate. Please be a safe and courteous driver out there. When you display the banner of the United Bowhunters of Pennsylvania, whether it be on a license plate, shirt, or hat.....people notice....and in that moment to them, YOU ARE the UBP and represent all of us.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2017 MEETING DATES

The next UBP BOD meeting will be held Sunday, July 16, 2017; starting at 10:00 AM.

The meeting will be held at:

Hemlock Field Archers
99 Spring Hill Lane
Lebanon, PA 17042

The Hemlock club is located in the SE corner of the intersection of Routes 72 and 322 in Spring Hill Acres development. From PA Turnpike exit #266 go north on Route 72 about 1 mile and turn right on Spring Hill Lane (well marked). Turn left into first drive and proceed to clubhouse.

Other Upcoming Meetings
September 10

STATE HOUSE/SENATE REPS

Having trouble locating your state Senator and Representative? See this link for all the contact information you need.

<http://www.house.state.pa.us/>

When writing or calling your Senator or Representative, be polite and be professional. Let them know the Senate or House Bill number you are contacting them about and clearly let them know why you are for or opposed to the bill or issue. Conclude with your name and contact information.