

HOUSE FILE NO. 536.]

[BY BROWN OF DICKINSON.]

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HUNTING FOR GAME IN CERTAIN CASES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That it shall be un-  
2 lawful for any person, at any time, within this state, to hunt for any game upon the enclosed  
3 or cultivated lands of another, without the consent of the owner, or person in the lawful pos-  
4 session thereof; and any person knowingly violating the provisions of this act shall be  
5 deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined ten dollars, and  
6 shall stand committed to the county jail for five days unless the fine and costs of prosecu-  
7 tion are sooner paid.

MAJORITY REPORT.

MR. BROWN, from the Committee on Fish and Game, submitted the following majority report:

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Fish and Game, to whom was referred house file No. 536, a bill for an act to prohibit hunting for game in certain cases, beg leave to report that a majority have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

BROWN, *Chairman.*

Ordered passed on file.

MINORITY REPORT.

MR. SPEAKER:

A minority of your Committee on Fish and Game not agreeing with the majority of the committee reporting a bill, known as "a bill for an act to prohibit hunting for game in certain cases," with a recommendation that it do pass, beg leave to submit the following reasons why the majority report should not be adopted:

*First*—Our game laws are now ample for the protection of all kinds of game within the state.

*Second*—It is claimed by friends of the bill that such a law is demanded to provide against the damage done by hunters who, in the pursuit of game, enter fields and tramp down and spoil them to a considerable extent. We find that no hunting is permitted until August 15th, or as the law now stands, September 1st. There is very little small grain left standing after this time, if any, and this we deem is only a pretext.

*Third*—The only object of this bill seems to be to exclude every one except the owners of farms from the pleasure and recreations derived from hunting, and to preserve the game for the exclusive use of such persons.

*Fourth*—We consider any legislation of this kind unnecessary and unjust, and therefore recommend that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted.