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It's been an extremely busy legislative season for trappers across the country.

New Mexico HB-0366, the proposal which would have banned all recreational or commercial trapping on public land, was defeated in the House after quickly passing through two committees. The National Trappers Association funded a lobbyist who worked closely with the New Mexico Trappers Association and a coalition comprised of numerous state sportsmen and livestock groups. One of the first calls I received was from FTA president Dave Hastings offering to help in any way needed. This was truly a group effort, and further proof of what even a small state association can accomplish when we all come together.

New Mexico SB417 was tabled in Senate Conservation Committee. This was the bill that would have given the State Game Commission the authority to protect all species of wildlife including non-game species.

Tennessee HB-231, the bill to authorize municipalities to regulate the use of traps within their jurisdictions was pulled from committee.

Montana trappers have successfully beaten back nearly a dozen bills on numerous issues, at this time every negative proposal have been tabled or defeated.

Congratulation to all those involved and thank you to everyone who assisted with donations, phone calls and e-mails.