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IMO they got greedy. If they had only proposed to raise the stamp to \$18 it would have never been an issue and the bill would have passed. In the past when the stamp price went up it was in small increments. I'm surprised it has stayed at \$15 this long.

The article never really references what the original bill was does it?

FYI - The migratory bird stamp is also used by non hunters also. It is used as a season pass to national wildlife refuges. Many bird watchers visit these refuges doing their thing. They help boost the travel industry. It's surprisingly big business.

Our states depend on these sales to run their natural resource programs. Sales of hunting licenses are down from where they were 20 years ago so sales of stamps are down also. State and federal agencies are trying to balance raising the costs of licenses and stamps. Since the numbers are down there is always a fear of raising the cost too much because it may deter some people from buying.