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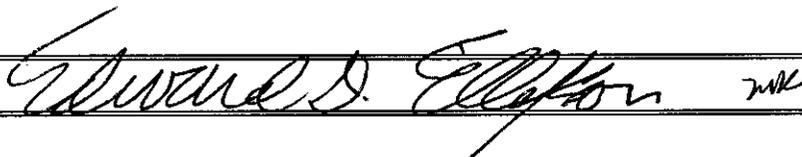
House Agriculture Committee

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Hearing Date: **2-08-07**

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Minutes:

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Committee Members I am going to work with the two House Concurrent Resolutions that we heard the other day. HCR 3028 we will take up first. The Resolution is urging Congress to look what can be done with hemp products.

REPRESENTATIVE BELTER: I MAKE A MOTION FOR A DO PASS ON HCR 3028.

REPRESENTATIVE KINGSBURY: I SECOND THE MOTION.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I HAVE A DO PASS FROM REPRESENTATIVE BELTER AND SECOND FROM REPRESENTATIVE KINGSBURY.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: ON A VOICE VOTE OF HCR 3028

SAY YES. OPPOSED SAME SIGN. THERE WERE THIRTEEN YES, 0 NO 0 ABENT.

REPRESENTATIVE HEADLAND WILL CARRY THE BILL.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON WE WILL CLOSE ON HCR 3028.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3028: Agriculture Committee (Rep. D. Johnson, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3028 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2007 SENATE AGRICULTURE

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2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 3028

Senate Agriculture Committee

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Hearing Date: March 8, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 4686

Committee Clerk Signature

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Minutes:

Sen. Flakoll opened the hearing on HCR 3028, a concurrent resolution urging Congress to recognize the multiple benefits of industrial hemp and to facilitate the growing of industrial hemp and the expansion of industries reliant on industrial hemp-based products. All members (7) were present.

Rep. Monson, district 10, testified in favor of the bill.

Rep. Monson- This resolution is very simple. We have been working with the DEA and congress and passing all kinds of laws in ND dealing with industrial hemp and we have made great strides in the last 2 years at the state level and I have the first industrial hemp license in the state of ND and probably in the nation. It all comes down to that if congress would simply say to go ahead and have the states take care of it and they could in one clean sweep make industrial hemp happen in every state across the nation. This is just to let congress know that there are lots of other places that are doing this and that ND has lots of provisions in place like licensing procedures, background checks and we do all the work, why not let us go ahead and do this.

Sen. Wanzek- can you enlighten us a little on what is holding them back/

Rep. Monson- the biggest reason I can see is because industrial hemp is still a close relative of marijuana and that they are afraid they will look weak when it comes to drugs.

Sen. Behm- is DEA the only ones that are holding this all back?

Rep. Monson- yes that is the only ones that we can find and congress hasn't stepped up to the late to say that there is a difference between marijuana and industrial hemp.

Sen. Taylor- there are probably bigger issues relating to agriculture then industrial hemp coming to Washington isn't there?

Rep. Monson- obviously at this point in time industrial hemp is like a grain of sand on the beach, at one time 1/3 of all the acres in this country were planted to industrial hemp back in George Washington's day, it was a big deal up until World War 2. The potential for industrial hemp is there because it can be made in to up to 25,000 different things.

Sen. Flakoll- on line 6 it reads that back in the centuries hemp was used to make clothing for slaves, maybe is there something else we could put in there? I don't think that was a shining hour in the history of the US.

Rep. Monson- you are probably very correct, Legislative Council had done research and this is what they came up with.

Rep. Aarsvold, district 20, testified in favor of the bill.

Rep. Aarsvold- I stand in support of this bill.

Ken Junkert, testified on behalf of Roger Johnson, see attached testimony.

Sen. Flakoll- what would prevent someone from having their application accepted?

Ken Junkert- in my conversations that I have had with the DEA criminal history is a huge issue.

No opposition to the bill.

Sen. Flakoll closed the hearing.

Sen. Taylor motioned to amend the resolution and was seconded by **Sen. Klein**, roll call vote 1: 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. **Sen. Wanzek** motioned for a do pass as amended and was seconded by **Sen. Behm**, roll call vote 2: 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. **Sen. Heckaman** was designated to carry the bill to the floor.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3028: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Flakoll, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3028 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 6, remove "for slaves"

Renumber accordingly

2007 TESTIMONY

HCR 3028

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**Testimony of Roger Johnson
Agriculture Commissioner
House Concurrent Resolution 3028
House Agriculture Committee
Peace Garden Room
February 8, 2007**

Chairman Johnson and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. I am here today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 3028, which urges Congress to recognize the multiple benefits of industrial hemp and to facilitate the growing of industrial hemp and the expansion of industries reliant on industrial hemp-based products.

Based on the growing domestic demand for nonviable industrial hemp seed and fiber, I feel that North Dakota farmers should have the ability to grow this alternative crop and meet market demand. As it stands, all of the domestic demand must be met by industrial hemp farmers in other countries.

North Dakota has taken a very cautious approach in licensing industrial hemp producers. There is a bill before the North Dakota Legislature to provide statutory authority to the agriculture commissioner to license industrial hemp processors. We understand that a great amount of attention is being paid to our licensing process by other states and the federal government. The

Department of Agriculture has no intention to license marijuana growers. We are only interested in providing an opportunity for North Dakota producers to meet the market demand for industrial hemp seed and fiber.

Chairman Johnson and committee members, I urge a "do pass" on HCR 3028. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.