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2007 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

HB 3042

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HCR 3042

House Agriculture Committee

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Hearing Date: **2-8-07**

Recorder Job Number: **3175**

Committee Clerk Signature

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Minutes:

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Representative Monson.

REPRESENTATIVE MONSON: Mr. Chairman and Members of the committee.

This resolution urging Congress to direct the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to differentiate between industrial hemp and marijuana. This one does go to DEA. that is pretty much it and again DEA we feel put it by rule. We have made some Great progress. The DEA is actually starting to talk with various people and that is why Commissioner Johnson is in Washington D.C. right now. He does have meetings with EPA. I don't know what all is going to be discussed. We are seeing some progress. This might be the push we have needed.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Questions Committee Members?

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Other support for HCR 3042?

KEN JUNKERT: Mr. Chairman, for the record I am Kent Junkert and I am here On behalf of Commissioner Roger Johnson I am the industrial hemp program manager. Current steps for authority allows the Agriculture Commissioner to license hemp growers however license fee such as Representative Monson now must apply for drug

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enforcement administration Registration before the production of hemp. **[[PLEASE READ TESTIMONY**

THAT KEN IS BASICALLY READING FOR COMMISSIONER JOHNSON]] I have Received between twenty and forty call per day from producers in N.D. and Producers out of N.D. that are very interested in what N.D. is doing. They believe That there is a great demand for industrial hemp and should be raised as a viable crop. Anything you do in N.D. the research effort or effort to push licensing and to move our license fee's through the registration process with the DEA. I think it will be beneficial. We appreciate Representative Monson.

With that Mr. Chairman, I will answer questions.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Any questions committee? Thanks Ken.

Others to offer support for HCR 3042? ANY OPPOSITION TO HCR 3042?

I WILL CLOSE THE HEARING ON HCR 3042

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 3042

House Agriculture Committee

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Hearing Date: 02-08-07

Recorder Job Number: 3178

Committee Clerk Signature

Edward J. Elkon

Minutes:

Chairman Johnson opened the vote for HB 3042.

Motion made by Rep Headland. Seconded by Rep Boe

Voice vote was taken for 3042 and was 13 yes, 0 no 0 absent.

The bill will be on the consent calendar and 10th order.

Rep Mueller will be the carrier.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3042: 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 3042 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2007 SENATE AGRICULTURE

HCR 3042

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 3042

Senate Agriculture Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: March 8, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 4732

Committee Clerk Signature

Cassie Krow

Minutes:

Sen. Flakoll opened the hearing on HCR 3042, a concurrent resolution urging Congress to direct the US Drug Enforcement Administration to differentiate between industrial hemp and marijuana. All members (7) were present.

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

Rep. Monson- I urge a do pass on this resolution.

Sen. Wanzek- my thought is that you have put your self in a position to be subjected to some real strict scrutiny, does that worry you a little bit?

Rep. Monson- I have nothing to hide.

Ken Junkert, with the department of Agriculture, testified on behalf of Roger Johnson in favor of the bill. See attached testimony.

No opposition to the bill.

Sen. Flakoll closed the hearing.

Sen. Wanzek motioned for a do pass and was seconded by **Sen. Behm**, roll call vote 1: 7 yea, 0 nay, 0 absent. **Sen. Behm** was designated to carry the bill to the floor.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 9, 2007 8:42 a.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3042: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Flakoll, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3042 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

HCR 3042

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**Testimony of Roger Johnson
Agriculture Commissioner
House Concurrent Resolution 3042
House Agriculture Committee
Peace Garden Room
February 8, 2007**

Same given to Senate

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 3042, which urges Congress to direct the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to differentiate between industrial hemp and marijuana.

Current statutory authority allows the agriculture commissioner to license industrial hemp growers; however, licensees must apply for Drug Enforcement Administration registration before production of industrial hemp will be allowed in North Dakota. In actuality, when North Dakota producers apply for DEA registration to grow industrial hemp, DEA views the registration as a request to grow marijuana. The Department of Agriculture licensed Representative Dave Monson to grow industrial hemp and, as it currently stands, DEA will review Representative Monson's registration as a request to grow marijuana. Clearly, Representative Monson has no intention to grow marijuana.

The Department of Agriculture believes that DEA has ability to allow industrial hemp production in North Dakota. There is a growing domestic demand for industrial hemp and processors must resort to importing nonviable seed and fiber from international growers – a market demand that North Dakota producers should have a chance to meet.

Chairman Johnson and committee members, I urge a “do pass” on HCR 3042. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.