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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1605

By Committee on Agriculture

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION requesting the department of Commerce and Housing to form a task force to investigate and research the viability of nonpsychoactive industrial hemp as an alternative crop.

WHEREAS, Around the nation, there is a new interest in growing nonpsychoactive industrial hemp as an alternative crop; and

WHEREAS, The plant serves as a good rotation crop, choking out weeds and surviving without the aid of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, The plant can be grown in many climates and under many conditions; and

WHEREAS, Many industries, including those in textiles, food, oil and building materials are showing an interest in nonpsychoactive industrial hemp; and

WHEREAS, American industry is currently importing the plant for industry use: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein:* That the department of Commerce and Housing shall form a task force to investigate and research the viability of nonpsychoactive industrial hemp as an alternative crop; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the task force, through the department of Commerce and Housing, shall submit its report and recommendations to the Governor, the chairpersons and ranking minority members of the committees on Commerce, Economic Development, and Agriculture of the Senate and House of Representatives and to the Secretary of the Senate and the chief clerk of the House of Representatives on or before January 12, 1998.