

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

HOUSE MEMORIAL 47

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

INTRODUCED BY

Ray Begaye

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO
INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF STATE INCENTIVES FOR
COMMERCIALIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

WHEREAS, hemp is an ancient source of material for fiber
and other commercial products; and

WHEREAS, hemp requires less water than conventional crops;
and

WHEREAS, agriculture is a critical component of New
Mexico's economy; and

WHEREAS, the world market for products derived from
industrial hemp is a potential opportunity for New Mexico
agricultural producers to diversify and augment the state's
agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, economic conditions require innovation and

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

underscoring material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 experimentation with alternative crops and value-added
2 technologies; and

3 WHEREAS, legal, technical and financial obstacles must be
4 overcome if industrial hemp is to become a viable commercial
5 crop in New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the federal drug enforcement agency has even
7 recognized, in an interpretive rule published in the federal
8 register, that "exempt from control [pursuant to the Controlled
9 Substances Act] certain THC-containing industrial products,
10 processed plant materials used to make such products, and
11 animal feed mixtures; provided [that] such products, materials
12 and feed mixtures are made from those portions of the cannabis
13 plant that are excluded from the definition of marijuana and
14 are not used or intended for use for human consumption";

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
17 department of agriculture be requested to investigate the
18 feasibility of state incentives for the commercialization of
19 industrial hemp in New Mexico; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico department of
21 agriculture report its findings and recommendations to the
22 appropriate interim committee of the legislature by December 1,
23 2009; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congress be requested to
25 acknowledge the difference between marijuana and industrial

.177487.1

underscored material = new
~~[bracketed material]~~ = delete

1 hemp and to clearly legalize the commercial production of
2 industrial hemp; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico department of
5 agriculture and to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25