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02/13 House intro - 1st rdg - to printing
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AYES -- Barrett, Bieter, Boe, Chase, Hornbeck, Jaquet, Jones, Marley, Meyer, Ridinger, Robison, Shepherd, Stone, Trail, Young
NAYS -- Barraclough(Barraclough), Bedke, Bell, Black, Bolz, Bruneel, Campbell, Clark, Collins, Crow, Cuddy, Deal, Denney, Ellis, Ellsworth, Eskridge, Field(13), Gagner, Gould, Hadley, Hammond, Harwood, Henbest, Higgins, Kellogg, Kendell, Kunz, Lake, Langford, Loertscher, Mader, McKague, Moss, Moyle, Pearce, Pischner, Pomeroy, Roberts, Sali, Schaefer, Sellman, Smith, Smylie, Stevenson, Swan(Hansen), Wheeler, Mr. Speaker
Absent and excused -- Bradford, Callister, Field(20), Montgomery, Mortensen, Raybould, Tilman, Wood
Floor Sponsor -- Trail
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Bill Text

|||| LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO ||||
Fifty-sixth Legislature First Regular Session - 2001

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL
2 TO THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE SENATE
3 AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEM-
4 BLED, TO THE CHAIRS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES AND TO

5 THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CON-
6 GRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

7 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the
8 State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Fifty-sixth Idaho
9 Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

10 WHEREAS, industrial hemp refers to varieties of the cannabis plant which
11 have a low or zero content of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and that are culti-
12 vated for fiber and oil; and

13 WHEREAS, industrial hemp should not be confused with varieties of cannabis
14 which have a high content of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and which are commonly
15 referred to as marijuana; and

16 WHEREAS, the commercial production and cultivation of industrial hemp is
17 now permitted in Canada, under licenses and authorizations issued by Health
18 Canada; and

19 WHEREAS, Health Canada controls, through rules, all activities relating to
20 the importation, exportation, possession, production, sale, provision, trans-
21 port, sending, delivering and offering for sale of industrial hemp; and

22 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is grown legally throughout Europe and Asia; and

23 WHEREAS, many farmers facing uncertain times in the agricultural
24 marketplace view the reintroduction of industrial hemp as another potential
25 alternative crop that will have long-term economic benefits to the farmers who
26 produce the hemp and the person who utilizes the hemp in the production of
27 textiles, paper products, fiberboard, concrete reinforcement, automobile
28 parts, plastics, organic foods and natural body products; and

29 WHEREAS, Congress never originally intended to prohibit the production of
30 hemp when restricting the production, possession and use of marijuana.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session
32 of the Fifty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the
33 Senate concurring therein, that we urge the Congress of the United States: to
34 acknowledge the difference between the hallucinogenic drug known as marijuana
35 and the agricultural crop known as industrial hemp; to acknowledge that allow-
36 ing and encouraging farmers to produce industrial hemp will improve the bal-
37 ance of trade by promoting domestic sources of industrial hemp; and to assist
38 United States producers by clearly authorizing the commercial production of
39 industrial hemp and by being a leading advocate for the industrial hemp indus-
40 try.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
42 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
43 Memorial to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the
44 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of

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1 Congress, the chairs of the U.S. Senate and House Agriculture Committees and
2 the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress
3 of the United States.

Statement of Purpose / Fiscal Impact

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE RS 10625

The purpose of this House Joint Memorial is to convey a message to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the United States Congress that the reintroduction of industrial hemp as another potential alternative crop will have long-term economic and environmental benefits for Idaho farmers. Industrial hemp will have long-term benefits to farmers who produce the hemp and the people who utilize

the hemp in the production of textiles, paper products, fiberboard, concrete reinforcement, automobile parts, plastics, organic food and natural body products and as a soil decontaminator.

Commercial production and cultivation of industrial hemp is now permitted in Canada, under licenses and authorizations issued by Health Canada. Health Canada controls, through rules, all activities relating to the importation, exportation, possession, production, sale, delivering and offering for sale of industrial hemp. Industrial hemp is grown legally throughout Europe and Asia. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police reports that there is no evidence of increased crime as a result of farmers growing industrial hemp. Industrial hemp can also assist farmers in reducing field emissions.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

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