

2009 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

HCR 3026

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 3026

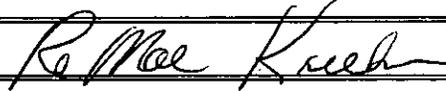
House Agriculture Committee

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Hearing Date: February 12, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 9356

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Representative Monson, Sponsor: You've seen this resolution before in previous sessions.

With the new President and some new players in Congress we wanted to revisit this issue.

Line 9, it was never the intent of Congress to interfere with or prohibit the farming/production of

industrial hemp. When it enacted the original Marijuana Tax Act of 1937, it was quite specific

that it should not include industrial hemp. But in the 1970's it got changed. DEA has by their

own authority decided that they could require licenses and put on restrictions. On the second

page, line 4, North Dakota State University finally did get a license for one year. We want to

make sure they get a multiyear license. It took them eight years to get the first one.

Line 6 & 7, cost of \$100,000 is pretty much minimum. I put an amendment on the Senate side

to NDSU research station for \$200,000 special funds. It will be money donated or possibly

through APUC. The \$100,000 is pretty much the bare bones security requirements. We want

Congress to realize just how much this is costing. For them to have a one-year license, if they

can't get a multiyear license, that's a lot of money down the tubes for nothing.

Representative Kingsbury: How much does a license cost?

Representative Monson: It's about \$2,300. Import fee from Canada is about \$1,300.

Representative Uglem: 3/10% THC. What does the drug marijuana contain?

Representative Monson: The high potency is probably 20-25%. Point 3% is pretty low. That will do nothing.

Chairman Johnson: Do you have varieties that are for oil or fiber?

Representative Monson: Yes, and it depends on how tightly you seed it. The more crowded, it doesn't get as tall. The fiber on a small spindly plant is much finer. The finer the fiber, the better it is for clothing. If you're going to make it into fiberglass replacement car parts, courser is better. It could be thick like sunflower stalks.

Opposition: None

Chairman Johnson: Closed the hearing

Representative Uglem moved Do Pass to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Representative Kingsbury seconded.

A Roll Call vote was taken. **Yes: 11, No: 0, Absent: 2**, (Representatives Froelich & Mueller).

Representative Uglem will carry the bill.

Date: 2/12/09

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3026

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended

Motion Made By Rep. Uglem Seconded By Rep. Kingsbury

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Dennis Johnson, Chair	✓		Tracy Boe	✓	
Mike Brandenburg, Vice Chair	✓		Rod Froelich	AB	
Wesley R. Belter	✓		Richard Holman	✓	
Joyce M. Kingsbury	✓		Phillip Mueller	AB	
David S. Rust	✓		Benjamin A. Vig	✓	
Mike Schatz	✓				
Gerry Uglem	✓				
John D. Wall	✓				

Total (Yes) 11 No 0

Absent 2

Bill Carrier Rep Uglem

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 12, 2009 4:13 p.m.

Module No: HR-28-2587
Carrier: Uglem
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3026: Agriculture Committee (Rep. D. Johnson, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3026 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

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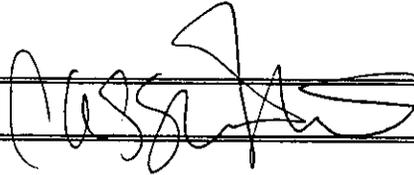
Senate Agriculture Committee

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Hearing Date: March 19, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 11268

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Sen. Flakoll opened the hearing on HCR 3026, a resolution urging the US Drug Enforcement Administration to allow ND to regulate industrial hemp farming without requiring federal applications, licenses or fees. All members (7) were present.

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

Rep. Monson- we put this in virtually every year, we are actually in a court case on this very issue saying that this is the states right and that it should not have to require the federal license or a DEA license to raise industrial hemp, that is what the whole issue here is. We have all the laws in place for industrial hemp. So I would urge you to support this.

Sen. Klein- the constant urging, are we really moving anything forward here?

Rep. Monson- it doesn't hurt to keep urging it, and our lawsuit here is probably the most complying thing moving it forward at this time.

Sen. Heckaman- do you know of any other states that are doing similar resolutions right now?

Rep. Monson- there are a lot of states that are doing it now, there are a lot of states that have taken ND's lead. I am not sure of all of them I know in Vermont, Oregon, Kentucky and

Minnesota for sure have something similar in place.

No opposition to the bill.

Sen. Klein motioned for a Do Pass and was seconded by **Sen. Wanzek**, 7 yea 0 nay 0
absent, **Sen. Klein** was designated to carry the bill to the floor.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 19, 2009 2:34 p.m.

Module No: SR-50-5397
Carrier: Klein
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3026: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Flakoll, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3026 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.