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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS
2 NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
3 SENATE
4 Senate Resolution No. 49
5 Offered by Senators Bowles and Sieben

6 WHEREAS, Industrial hemp is a valuable product in the
7 commercial marketplace, creating jobs and opening up new
8 markets and fields for employment and revenue; and

9 WHEREAS, Several states have begun the process of
10 enacting legislation that would legalize industrial hemp
11 production and sales in those states; and

12 WHEREAS, Hawaii, Vermont, Colorado, Minnesota, North
13 Dakota, New Mexico, Virginia, Montana, and Missouri have all
14 introduced legislation regarding industrial hemp in their
15 1999 legislatures; and

16 WHEREAS, An investigation into the merits and values of
17 industrial hemp is needed to consider whether the State of
18 Illinois should consider passing legislation to implement the
19 production of industrial hemp; and

20 WHEREAS, An investigative task force would be able to
21 take the time and facilitate the necessary research to
22 examine the hemp issue; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the
25 Industrial Hemp Investigative and Advisory Task Force
26 consisting of the Director of Agriculture or his or her
27 designee, who shall be chairperson, and 12 additional
28 members, 6 each, selected by the President of the Senate and
29 the Minority Leader of the Senate, representing expertise in
30 the fields of plant science, food processing science, law
31 enforcement, herbology, or manufacturing; members of the

32 Task Force shall serve without compensation but shall be

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1 reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from
2 funds appropriated for that purpose; and be it further

