

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 31

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign the Interim Committee on Agriculture the task of studying the legalization of growing industrial hemp.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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2 to assign the Interim Committee on Agriculture the task of
3 studying the legalization of growing industrial hemp.

4 *Whereas, Industrial hemp is one of the world's oldest*
5 *crops, and can be used to produce a variety of goods,*
6 *including paper, clothing, food, cosmetics, plastic, fuel, oil,*
7 *and medicine;*

8 *Whereas, Industrial hemp differs from recreational and*
9 *medicinal hemp in that it contains less than 0.3% of the*
10 *psychoactive ingredient tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), while*
11 *recreational and medicinal hemp contains between 2% and*
12 *20% THC in order to produce physical and psychological*
13 *effects;*

14 *Whereas, Although the cultivation and sale of hemp was*
15 *made ostensibly illegal by the Marijuana Tax Act of 1937,*
16 *Jasper County grew hemp used to create uniforms, canvases,*
17 *ropes, and other supplies for the military during World War*
18 *II, and even received an award from the United States*
19 *Department of Agriculture for its efforts;*



1 *Whereas, Industrial hemp is not illegal to possess, but it*
2 *is illegal to grow. Many American-owned businesses lose*
3 *money importing their hemp products to the United States*
4 *from over 30 other countries; and*

5 *Whereas, Colorado, Maine, Montana, North Dakota,*
6 *Oregon, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia have*
7 *defined industrial hemp as distinct from recreational and*
8 *medicinal marijuana, and removed barriers to its production.*
9 *Hawaii, Kentucky, and Maryland have passed bills creating*
10 *commissions or authorizing research regarding industrial*
11 *hemp. Arkansas, Maine, Minnesota, New Mexico, North*
12 *Carolina, and Vermont have passed hemp study bills.*
13 *California, Colorado, Illinois, Montana, New Hampshire,*
14 *New Mexico, North Dakota, Vermont, and Virginia have*
15 *passed hemp resolutions: Therefore,*

16 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
17 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

18 SECTION 1. The Legislative Council is urged to assign the Interim
19 Committee on Agriculture the task of studying the legalization of
20 growing industrial hemp.

