

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S3/24/99*

2 82nd General Assembly

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SR 13

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5 By: Senator Scott

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 "TO REQUEST THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS TO STUDY THE

10 *POTENTIAL USES OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP AND KENAF.*"

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 STUDY THE POTENTIAL USES OF INDUSTRIAL

15 *HEMP AND KENAF.*"

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18 *WHEREAS, Around the nation, there is much interest in growing industrial hemp*

19 *and kenaf in order to conduct research its use as an alternative fiber crop;*

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22 *WHEREAS, Industrial hemp and kenaf have throughout history contributed to the*

23 *economic welfare of this country and are renewable natural resources; and*

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25 *WHEREAS, Alternative fiber crops production could create new farming*

26 *opportunities and create more competitiveness in the global market, and create*

27 *processing and manufacturing jobs in such industries as textiles, plastics,*

28 *pulp, paper, oil, timber, and food; and*

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30 WHEREAS, According to the National Conference of State Legislature's studies,
31 alternative fiber crops can serve as good rotation crops. All parts of the
32 plants have economic uses and the crops can be grown under varied conditions;
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35 WHEREAS, Arkansas is a predominately agricultural state and the need for
36 alternative crops and improved methods of farming is an ongoing concern;

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2 NOW THEREFORE

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 82nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

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5 THAT the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture conduct studies
6 regarding the uses and economic benefits to this state of industrial hemp to
7 determine the feasibility of growing hemp as an alternative and profitable
8 crop in Arkansas.

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the studies shall include an analysis of required
11 soils and growing conditions, seed availability, harvest methods and
12 environmental benefits.

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Arkansas, Division of
15 Agriculture shall report its findings to the House and Senate Interim
16 Committees on Agriculture and Economic Development no later than December 31,
17 2000.

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19 /s/ Scott

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