

SB52

Adding and amending substances included in schedules I, II and V of the uniform controlled substances act.

Nick Reinecker Opponent Testimony

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House Health and Human Services

Rep. Dan Hawkins Chair

Why opponent?

- As a former police officer and parent of two children, I am for a controlled substances act for those synthetics that present an obvious threat to Public Health and Safety such as “crack” cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin etc.
 - I am not for a legislative mechanism that generates revenue or justifies the existence of agencies, private prisons, low-hanging fruit asset seizure/forfeiture and court ordered treatment imposed on citizens involved in the possession, consumption and production of botanicals specific to cannabis in its naturally occurring form. This abuse has resulted in the need of a rebirth pertaining to the inherent inalienable rights of Kansas citizens to use cannabis agriculture for fuel, fiber, nutrition and other supplemental uses without fear of government intrusion, overregulation and the use of “alternative facts”.
 - My main objection to cannabis being on the schedule of controlled substances wholly and especially specific to schedule one is the lack of consistency when dealing with other substances that are clearly more dangerous and deadly, and yet, can be marketed, prescribed and/or used at freewill by the general public.
 - I would support this bill if it was amended to de-schedule cannabis in its natural form.
 - Adding SB178 or other

I believe in individual liberty, limited government, state's rights, fair trade and a Doctor-patient relationship that is unfettered. The past four year I have listened and watched, both in person and online, to the plethora of debate in committee hearings, on the floor of the House and Senate chambers, in the halls of the Kansas Statehouse, on social media and during coffee hour at the local cafe my family runs in central Kansas. A lot of time has been spent in the current and past legislative session talking about alcohol, tobacco, gaming, tax increases and other questionable policy trajectories that were and could be implemented for the purposes of a balanced budget, proper regulation for the care and protection of the vulnerable and suffering, economic growth and of course the still small voice of another pending election cycle. I believe all of us in here care about proper government roles and responsibilities, constitutional public safety and health strategies, and of course, the rule of law. However when those in opposition of cannabis reform become dependent on laws that conflict with basic human needs and the principals of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that are described in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, it becomes necessary to return to the basics of government. The protection of inalienable rights that are not the government's to give or take away. I contend that knocking doors down, seizing property and the interrogation, detainment, arrest, confinement and monitoring of our citizenry should be confined to those activities that are violent in nature or in this case involve synthetic substances such as methamphetamine, crack cocaine and heroin and not naturally occurring substances, such as cannabis, that have proven industrial and patented therapeutic value. The state of Kansas is currently in an agricultural and fiscal crisis, we are losing population to other states and people are going out of state to buy their consumables. We have food deserts where convenience stores sell, alcohol, tobacco, unhealthy snacks, lottery and gas all taxed and regulated and condoned by the Kansas Legislature. It is time to take cannabis out of the hands of street thugs who prey on our children and into a well regulated system of taxation and regulation.

I have been a Certified Nurse Aide in both hospital and allied health settings, I have been a Firefighter. I have been an EMT. I have been a Police Officer. I have taken care of a dying father. I ask for you to just simply realize that all Kansans as well as all Americans are becoming victims of certain potentially harmful state and federal laws and policies concerning what we as citizens can put into or expose our own individual bodies to. We are being told what and how to produce. We are being told what we can eat, what diseases we 'suffer' from and then we are told what marketed synthetic drugs to take to combat, through an endless monthly payment plan, the sicknesses, thereof. Maybe its your brother, maybe its your mother, maybe its your cousin, maybe its your best friend, maybe its just you, needlessly suffering physically, psychologically, emotionally, and/or financially; all for the sake of a profitable stock quote. Not to mention the enormous drain on precious law enforcement resources that cannabis prohibition consumes.

We have a proud history of patriotism, liberty, and continued concepts of living off the land, which we call agriculture and steadfast prayer that I am proud to say represents what Kansas means to me. These things are why I am taking a stand. Not to mention the fact that most of us, including myself, have sons and daughters that are going to reap whatever good and bad consequences we choose to face them with. As a former EMT, I am tired of seeing the influx of baby-boomers now afflicted with physical medical ailments possibly stemming from synthetic food preservatives, dyes, medications, and overuse of antibiotics; where pharmaceutical morality is being questioned and stocks of companies are dancing to the memos of the FDA fax machine. As a Kansan, I am tired of seeing agricultural producers being sold out or bullied into conforming to flagrant privatized-social violations of the producer's rights. Sure they are protected by whistle-blowers when it affects the bottom line. But...what is the bottom line, the dollar or life itself?

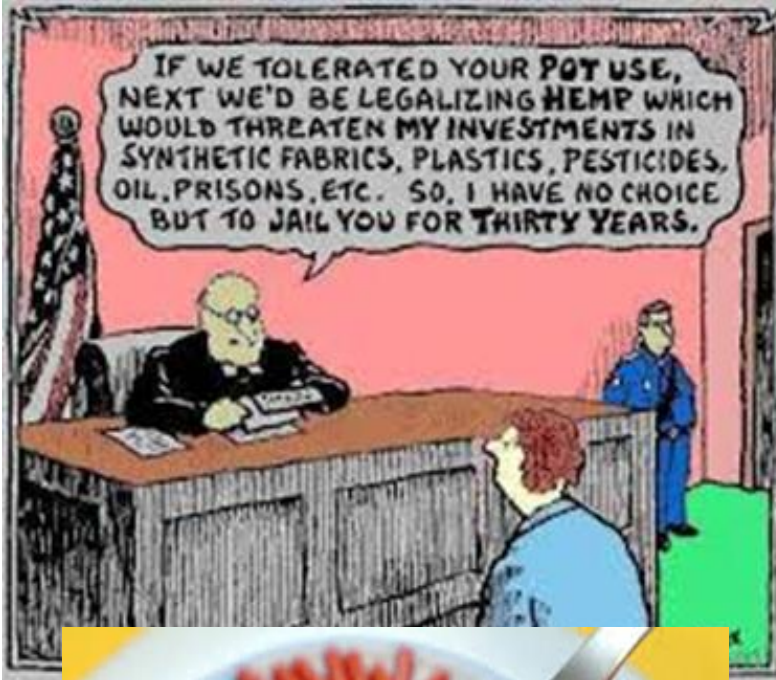
Definitions

- Deception
 - (of a person) cause (someone) to believe something that is not true, typically in order to gain some personal advantage
 - Reefer Madness
 - Fuzzy Statistics
- Terror
 - Extremely unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat
 - Reefer Madness
 - D.A.R.E.
- Discretion
 - the freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation
 - Means
 - Motive
 - Opportunity
- Cannabis
 - the hemp plant, *Cannabis sativa*. a tall plant with a stiff upright stem, divided serrated leaves, and glandular hairs.
- Compassion
 - sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others
- Liberty
 - freedom from arbitrary or despotic government or control.
 - freedom from external or foreign rule; independence.
 - freedom from control, interference, obligation, restriction, hampering conditions, etc.; power or right of doing, thinking, speaking, etc., according to choice.

Paradigm



Shift(s)



THE VERY USEFUL INDUSTRIAL HEMP

Hemp cultivation requires no chemicals, pesticides or herbicides.

with over 50,000 different uses...

HEMP SEEDS



Hemp seeds contains nutritious, **Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids (PUFAs) 80%** the highest amount found within the plant kingdom. Highly nutritious of humans and animals.

Harvest

Intermediate processing

Further processing

HEMP is a RESOURCE

20 vs **4**
years for trees to mature | months for hemp

Hemp can yield 3-8 dry tons of fiber per acre, **FOUR** times what an average forest can yield.



Paper, fertilizers, soil nutrients and animal bedding can be made from leftover waste when processing hemp.

This means all parts of the plant are being used, or put back into the earth.

HEMP STALKS



Anything made out of cotton, timber or petroleum can be made out of hemp

Hemp fiber is the **strongest natural fiber** in the world

Hemp hurds can be cleanly **Converted into Gasoline!**

Through a process called **PYROLYSIS** Hemp Biomass can also make Ethanol, Methanol & Methane Gas

Germane Comparison: SB 155

- FDA approved and/or non-scheduled substances
 - Cigarettes
 - Tobacco-Nicotine
 - 599 FDA approved additives
 - 480,000 deaths per year (CDC)
 - Alcohol
 - 88,000 Deaths per year (CDC)
 - Prescriptions
 - 15,000 Deaths per year (CDC)
 - Side effects
 - Coffee/Sugar/MSG etc.
 - Detergent Pod packs
 - Diet and brain damage
- Cannabis
 - ZERO OVERDOSE DEATHS
 - Neuro-protectant
 - Limited side effects
 - Anti-inflammatory
 - Patent #6630507
- A note on Children and seizures
 - 15 meds, depleted bank accounts stagnant or worsening conditions
 - If possess or use cannabis; accused
 - Mentally Ill, unfit, criminal parents?
 - CINC?????
- A note on Death and dying
 - Cancer and eating

Fact vs Fiction vs The Art of Politics

- DEA removes “alternative facts” pdf from website
 - “Dangers and Consequences of Marijuana”
- Cannabis is not a gateway
 - Except for LE
 - Detention, Investigation
 - Asset seizure/forfeiture
- Therapeutic Value
 - Schedule I
 - Hindered Research
 - New Data from sovereign states
- Profit Motives
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- *JAMA Intern Med.* Published online August 18, 2014 (2 YEARS AGO)
 - States with medical marijuana laws had a 24.8 percent lower average annual opioid overdose death rate compared to states without such laws. In 2010, that translated to about 1,729 fewer deaths than expected. The years after implementation of medical marijuana laws also were associated with lower overdose death rates that generally got stronger over time: year 1 (-19.9 percent), year 2 (-25.2 percent), year 3 (-23.6 percent), year 4 (-20.2 percent), year 5 (-33.7 percent)...
 - Marcus A. Bachhuber, M.D., of the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Commerce, Labor and Economic Development from Kansas Cannabis Industry: HB2182

- Commerce
 - New revenue stream for Kansas producers and the State
- Labor
 - Farm, Processing, Manufacturing, Retail
 - Healthcare, Teachers etc.
- Economic Development
 - Farming options ,Processing Plant, Manufacturing Plants, Retail needs
 - Healthcare, Schools, Grocery Stores etc.
- I live in a town of 1200 people and my wife and I run the local café. We use real butter, make much of the food from scratch and don't expect to ever have a Ferrari. We serve farmers and workers, families and friends. The truth is, we need an influx of commerce, labor and economic development and one option is to build a cannabis plant in this little town that recently annexed some land perfect for this operation that could bring new families and workers to town, new housing and more options for our local struggling farmers. De-scheduling cannabis will also allow good palliative care, death with dignity and many more benefits that far outweigh the negatives. Please decriminalize, tax and regulate this agricultural commodity.

Vigilance in Liberty

- Kansas allows citizens to homebrew beer and wine
- Kansas allows general gardening for nutrition
- Kansas promotes state's rights in guns, elections etc.
- Kansas entered into the union as a free state showing that slavery was a cause to fight

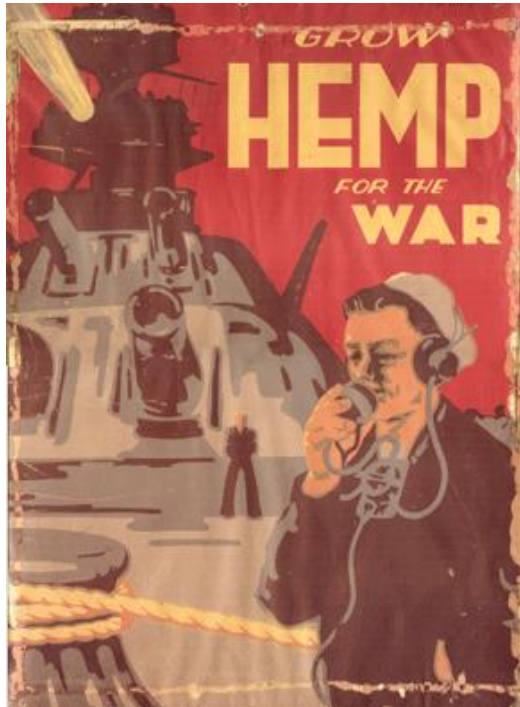
We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America

Excerpt from Ecclesiastes 3

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ...A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

?Kansas Cannabis Prohibition 1927-2017 RIP?

Come Home To Kansas



Update

- Reps. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), Jared Polis (D-CO), and Don Young (R-AK) have formed the first-ever Congressional Cannabis Caucus
- To date, eight states (Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington) and the District of Columbia have passed laws allowing for the recreational use of cannabis, 28 states have medical cannabis laws, and 21 states have decriminalized the use of cannabis
- Israel decriminalizes cannabis

Thank You

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Questions?