

Testimony for SB 263

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Mr. Chairman and members of Kansas House Ag committee.

Today could be a successful day for Kansas Ag Farmers however, because of political posturing and lack of vision for Kansas we are looking at SB 263 as another attempt to save Kansas rather than come to it defense.

Some departments are short sighted in that vision of our state and use their authority to disguise their ignorance of the truth.

We are facing an Agricultural Revolution that needs to be taken advantage of today. There are several questions that need to be asked and answered.

1. Why was hemp with little or no THC put on the Schedule 1 drug list.
2. Why did congress take Industrial Hemp off the schedule 1 list? and later put it back hopefully never to be heard from again. (Little Hint, Attack on Battle ships docked at Pearl Harbor.
3. Who or what companies were behind putting Hemp on the list.

There is an saying that when citizens elect their representatives and the elected begin to think and feel that they know more than those who elected them, "The citizen says follow the money". Citizens are only asking to allow them the freedom granted by our constitution, Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The citizen hears non-commitment, putting political ideas above logic, for instance: I held several town Halls around this state of Kansas two years ago and it was attended by farmers, bankers, civic leaders, manufacturing, out of state business owners. Those town halls were met with genuine interest and latter research on what was presented about industrial hemp.

It is suggested that this committee take advantage of HB 2182 that was passed by 2017 legislature with 103 votes and put the contents in SB 263. The people's representatives have confirmed what 33 other states have decided to participate in because of Federal Farm Bill 7606.

Industrial Hemp has been called the plant with over 50,000 uses and is a model eco-material for any sustainable economy. The history of industrial hemp is well documented and goes back thousands of years for all manner of applications. Its versatility is unmatched. Its ban is a recent phenomenon based on false information such being a narcotic. Industrial hemp has trace amounts of its cousin Marijuana's active ingredient THC, rendering it unusable as a drug. Industrial hemp contains no more than 0.03 percent THC content, which is not a high enough percentage for drug use.

We must remember All Hemp is not Equal.

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