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From: Schubert, Heather
Sent: Friday, March 19, 1999 12:17 PM
To: Tradewell, Becky
Cc: Rep.Boyle; Rep.Ott
Subject: Drafting Hemp Joint Resolution

TO: Becky Tradewell

This resolution is per our conversation. I look forward to receiving the draft.

**Heather Schubert
Research Assistant
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Room 15 West, State Capitol
266-3404**



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GENE HAHN: HEMP RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, agriculture is the largest source of income for Wisconsin, generating over \$40 billion, annually; and

WHEREAS, a devastating drop in prices for agricultural products is threatening the survival of Wisconsin's family farms and Wisconsin's number one industry; and

WHEREAS, diversifying agriculture is a necessary goal for strengthening Wisconsin's economy; and

WHEREAS, in over 30 countries, including Canada, England, Germany and Japan, existing international treaties provide for the agricultural production and sale of industrial hemp as a valuable agricultural product; and

WHEREAS, industrial hemp refers to the more than two dozen strains of the cannabis plant which have little or no tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) properties and therefore should not be confused with varieties of cannabis which have a high content of THC; and

WHEREAS, industrial hemp is a renewable resource that can grow to maturity in 100 days without the necessity of pesticides and can be grown as a rotation crop to control weeds, therefore improving the soil for the next crop; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of industrial hemp as a potential agronomic crop will have long-term economic benefits to the farmers who produce the hemp and the persons who utilize hemp for the manufacture of more than 25,000 products, including: building materials, carpeting, pulp, paper products, oil, paints, cosmetics, plastics, automobile parts, fuel, animal feed, food, canvas, twine, clothing, and rope; and

WHEREAS, during WWII, the U.S. Department of Agriculture carried out a nationwide "Hemp for Victory" campaign, distributing 400,000 pounds of hemp seeds to farmers to encourage the production of industrial hemp; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Wisconsin farmers produced more than 30,000 acres of industrial hemp and created processing plants in 10 different communities; and

WHEREAS; current United States federal policy prevents the American agricultural production of industrial hemp while foreign hemp is being imported, at a loss of millions of dollars to American farmers; and

WHEREAS, this current federal policy is inconsistent with international agricultural policy and places an unnecessary financial restriction on Wisconsin's agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, Congress never intended to prohibit the production of industrial hemp when restricting the production, possession and use of marijuana; now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE CONCURRING, THAT the members of the Wisconsin legislature request the Congress of the United States to acknowledge the difference between the marijuana plant and the agricultural crop known as industrial hemp; to acknowledge that allowing farmers to produce industrial hemp will improve the balance of trade by promoting domestic sources of industrial hemp; and to assist United States producers by clearly authorizing the commercial production of industrial hemp; and, be it further

RESOLVED, THAT the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, the Director of the Office of National Drug Policy Control

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~~GENE HAHN: HEMP RESOLUTION~~

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~~and~~ ^{of person} the chairman of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees and ^{of} each member of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation.

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hemp has 1% or less THC



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1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 hemp.

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4 over \$40 billion annually; and

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22 hemp when restricting the production, possession and use of marijuana; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
25 Wisconsin legislature request the Congress of the United States to acknowledge the

**SUBMITTAL
FORM**

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and sign on the appropriate line(s) below.

Date: 3/30/99

To: Representative Hahn

Relating to LRB drafting number: LRB-2556

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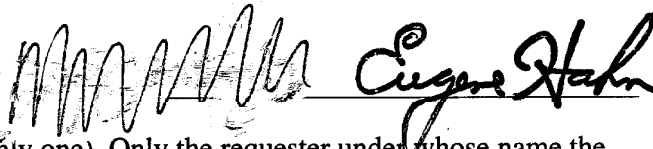
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in the **Senate** _____ or the **Assembly** (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.



2. **REDRAFT**. See the changes indicated or attached _____.

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

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If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

Rebecca C. Tradewell, Managing Attorney
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