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United States House of Representatives

Statement Introducing HR 1866, Industrial Hemp Farming Act

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Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Industrial Hemp Farming Act. The Industrial Hemp Farming Act requires the federal government to respect state laws allowing the growing of industrial hemp.

Eight States--Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Montana, North Dakota, Vermont,

and West Virginia--allow industrial hemp production or research in accord with state

laws. However, federal law is standing in the way of farmers in these states growing

what may be a very profitable crop. Because of current federal law, all hemp

included in products sold in the United States must be imported instead of being

grown by American farmers.

Since 1970, the federal Controlled Substances Act's inclusion of industrial hemp in the schedule one de

The United States is the only industrialized nation that prohibits industrial hemp cultivation. The Congres

Industrial hemp is a crop that was grown legally throughout the United States for most of our nation's his

In recent years, the hemp plant has been put to many popular uses in foods and in industry. Grocery sto

It is unfortunate that the federal government has stood in the way of American farmers, including many v