

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on March 24, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 478, 3/18/2015

Executive Action: SR 32 - Be Adopted

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 32

00:01:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hoven moved that **SR 32 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Moore and Sen. Pomnichowski were excused.

HEARING ON HB 478

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:07 Rep. Kathleen Williams (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 478, Implement changes in Montana's food retail sales laws.

[EXHIBIT\(ags61a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags61a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags61a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags61a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:08 Kayt Bonahoom, Great Ape Crepes

[EXHIBIT\(ags61a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags61a06\)](#)

00:20:53 Cort Jensen, attorney, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

00:23:40 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(ags61a07\)](#)

00:30:30 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:31:22 Linda Stoll, Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA)

00:33:06 Ella Smith, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:34:28 Jennifer Hill-Hart, executive director, Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)

00:36:18 Tim Read, sanitarian

[EXHIBIT\(ags61a08\)](#)

00:40:21 Nancy Matheson, self

00:43:40 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:17 Sen. Cohenour

00:47:58 Rep. Williams

00:48:56 Sen. Howard

00:50:27 Chairman Brown

00:50:58 Mr. Murphy, DPHHS

00:51:40 Chairman Brown

00:51:50 Mr. Murphy

00:52:54 Chairman Brown
00:53:11 Mr. Murphy
00:53:44 Chairman Brown
00:54:11 Mr. Murphy
00:54:46 Chairman Brown
00:55:31 Mr. Murphy
00:56:21 Sen. Hoven
00:56:42 Mr. Murphy
00:57:37 Chairman Brown
00:57:42 Mr. Jensen, AGR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:55 Rep. Williams

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:52 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags61aad.pdf](#))