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Sonic executives say legalizing marijuana would boost sales

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – An Oklahoma City-based restaurant chain is asking the state legislature to legalize marijuana, noting that habitual users of the drug find the company's products "hella-tasty."

Sonic, which bills itself as "America's Drive-In," serves up hamburgers and hotdogs in hundreds of locations around the country. Executives say the company's products are especially popular among those with "the munchies," a side effect of marijuana intoxication.

In a presentation before the House Business and Economic Development Committee, Sonic executives said statewide legalization of the drug would boost sales throughout the industry, from McNuggets to Taco Mayo's "bitchin'" potato locos.

In a recent study, Sonic customers who did not use marijuana rated

their food from "fair" to "excellent." However, users with the munchies said the same products were "friggin' awesome dude."

Habitual marijuana users, also known as "stoners," are also less concerned with customer service. They also have little use for napkins, straws and correct change.

According to Sonic estimates, stoners currently comprise only 10 percent of the company's customers, yet account for 40 percent of sales. They also form 70 percent of the company's workforce, primarily line cooks and night managers.

Last year, Sonic was believed to donate millions in campaign contributions. An exact amount was unavailable, however, since much of the special interest money was covered in chili and cheese.



Oklahoma upgrades to double-wide Capitol

Hobson explains frequent absences 'I'm Batman,' says Senate President Pro Tempore

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) - Senate President Pro Tempore Cal Hobson apologized to the Democratic caucus this week, saying that his frequent absences were due to his moonlighting as a caped crusader.

"I don't know how else to say this," said Hobson, D-Lexington. "I'm Batman."

Democratic senators have been critical of Hobson's performance this year, and some have asked the lawmaker to step aside. However, up until a recent caucus meeting, the Legislature was unaware of the Pro Tem's secret identity.

Democratic caucus chair Sen. Ken-

neth Corn, D-Howe, said the group would need time to process this new information.

"With great power comes great responsibility," said Corn. "We understand that (Hobson) knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men. However, the failure of Governor Henry's tort reform proposal to win a hearing has led us to believe we need a leader with more time to dedicate to the legislative process."

Following the caucus meeting, Hobson said he would abide by the decision of his colleagues, before dropping a smoke bomb on the group and exiting the Capitol via grappling hook.

Rural Democrats announce deal to sell souls in exchange for farm subsidies

OKLAHOMA CITY (OP) – Rural lawmakers have announced an agreement to sell their souls in exchange for farm subsidies. Under the terms of the deal, farm subsidies would be purchased from House leadership in exchange for the core principles of the Democratic Party.

Rep. Wed Hilliard, D-Sulphur, said it made sense for the group to jettison excess baggage. "As Oklahoma Democrats grow more conservative, we find our liberal ideals aren't being used," Hilliard said.

"Since they're just gathering dust, we have no problem getting rid of them in exchange for sweet, sweet farm subsidies."

"Mmmm... Farm subsidies," said Rep. R.C. Pruett, D-Antlers.

Speaker of the House Todd Hiatt, R-Kellyville, said he is delighted with the deal. "Working with conservative Democrats, I was able to purchase several core values that had blocked meaningful workers comp reform for the state of Oklahoma. With these principles

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out of the way, it was much easier to push through tort reform as well."

While the process had widespread support in the House, several Senate Democrats have expressed concern. Sen. Angela Monson, D-Oklahoma City, is calling for a task force to investigate rural lawmakers addiction to

farm subsidies.

"Certainly, it appears that farm subsidy addiction is on the rise among Democrats," said Monson. "We want to get these lawmakers into treatment, to break this vicious cycle. No one should have to sell their souls in exchange for government handouts."