

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Caleb Hinkle-R, on January 06, 2023 at 11:32 AM, in 455

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Caleb Hinkle, Chair (R)  
Rep. Lee Deming, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Gary Parry (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)  
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tony Brockman (R)  
Rep. Terry Falk (R)  
Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)  
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Research Analyst  
Katie Reeves, Secretary

**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 28 12/22/2022

HB 110 12/22/2022

Executive Action:

HB 28 DO PASS

**HEARING ON HB 28 - Increase legislator per diem reimbursements for lodging and meals**

**Opening Statement:**

11:33:37 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 28, Increase legislator per diem reimbursements for lodging and meals.

**Proponent Testimony:**

11:37:09 Llew Jones, HD 18

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

11:39:45 Bonnie Shoemaker, Department of Administration Human Resources Division

**Closing Statement:**

11:40:24 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R), HD 34, closed the hearing on HB 28.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 28 - Increase legislator per diem reimbursements for lodging and meals**

11:42:15 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 28 DO PASS.**

11:42:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**HEARING ON HB 110 - Making interim budget committees permanent**

**Opening Statement:**

11:42:09 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 110, Making interim budget committees permanent.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

11:48:17 Amy Carlson, Director, Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFD)

**Questions from Committee:**

11:47:54 Rep. Falk joined meeting

11:48:42 Rep. Stafman

11:48:58 Rep. Mercer

11:49:33 Amy Carlson, LFD

11:50:31 Rep. Gist

11:51:02 Rep. Mercer

11:53:19 Rep. Gist

**Closing Statement:**

11:53:33 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 110.

**Discussion:**

11:54:02 Chair Hinkle

11:54:08 Vice Chair Stafman

11:54:21 Chair Hinkle

11:55:12 Rep. Gist

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:55:30

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

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