

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Caleb Hinkle-R, on March 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM, 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. Jonathan Karlen (D)  
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)  
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tony Brockman (R)  
Rep. Terry Falk (R)  
Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Gary Parry (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (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:

SB 176 03/10/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 176 - Revise interim and statutory committee membership**

**Opening Statement:**

12:01:45 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 176, Revise interim and statutory committee membership.

**Discussion:**

12:07:26 Rep. Terry Falk joined the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

12:07:54 Norane Appling-Freistadt, Northern Plains Resource Council

12:08:25 Rep. Gary Parry joined the meeting.

12:09:38 Robert Filipovich, Self

12:09:52 Rep. Kenneth Walsh joined the meeting.

12:11:30 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Center

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

12:14:50 Rep. Paul Tuss

12:15:34 Sen. Keith Regier-R

12:16:10 Vice Chair Ed Stafman

12:17:44 Ann Hedges

12:18:45 Rep. Terry Falk

12:19:11 Sen. Keith Regier-R

12:20:33 Vice Chair Lee Deming  
12:21:05 Sen. Keith Regier-R  
12:21:49 Rep. Kenneth Walsh  
12:22:36 Sen. Keith Regier-R  
12:23:10 Vice Chair Ed Stafman  
12:24:00 Sen. Keith Regier-R  
12:27:45 Rep. Terry Falk  
12:28:32 Sen. Keith Regier-R

**Closing Statement:**

12:28:36 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 176.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:29:45

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230316LEHaad\)](#)