

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

Call to Order: Chair Caleb Hinkle-R, on March 24, 2023 at 12:05 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. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (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 278 03/17/2023

SB 414 03/16/2023

Executive Action:

SB 128

SB 414

**HEARING ON SB 278 - Authorize legislative officer intervention in declaratory judgment
action**

Opening Statement:

12:05:37 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 278,
Authorize legislative officer intervention in declaratory judgment action.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

12:08:57 Vice Chair Ed Stafman
12:09:29 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
12:14:37 Rep. Jonathan Karlen
12:14:41 Rep. Terry Falk joined the meeting.
12:15:18 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
12:18:46 Rep. Marilyn Marler
12:19:42 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
12:23:33 Vice Chair Ed Stafman
12:24:41 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
12:28:00 Rep. Jonathan Karlen
12:28:57 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

Closing Statement:

12:31:58 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 278.

HEARING ON SB 414 - Renaming certain senate offices

Opening Statement:

12:32:17 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 414, Renaming certain senate offices.

Discussion:

12:32:49 Rep. Terry Falk left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

12:33:42 Rep. Marilyn Marler

12:33:53 Sen. Jason Ellsworth-R

Closing Statement:

12:34:17 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, closed the hearing on SB 414.

12:35:09 **Recessed**

12:39:09 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 128 - Generally revise laws relating legislative exempt personal staff

12:39:18 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **SB 128 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

12:39:45 Vice Chair Ed Stafman

12:39:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:39:18 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Gary Parry

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 414 - Renaming certain senate offices

12:41:40 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **SB 414 BE CONCURRED IN.**

12:41:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:41:40 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Caleb Hinkle

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:44:02

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230324LEHaad\)](#)