The Natural Resources Committee had an organizational meeting on January 5, 1977, at ten a.m. under the direction of Chairman Art Shelden. The secretary called the roll--Rep. Quilici was excused, Rep. Huennekens was absent, all others present.

Chairman Shelden had the committee members introduce themselves and he then introduced the aides and assistants who would be ready and willing to assist the members with research: Doug Lowney, aide to Chairman Shelden; Russ Platt, researcher from the Environmental Quality Council; Debbie Schmidt, researcher and bill drafter from the Legislative Council.

Chairman Shelden read a list he had received from Speaker of the House John Driscoll of possible energy bills that would come to this committee if submitted. The list is attached and is exhibit 1.

Eileen Shore of the EQC gave to the members copies of a pamphlet entitled "Montana's Natural Gas Supply Crisis," which was prepared by the Environmental Quality Council. This is exhibit 2.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. SHELDEN, CHAIRMAN

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