

January 25, 1977

The Natural Resources subcommittee on Extraction and Conversion met at 12:05 p.m. in room 437, with Chairman Kessler presiding and Reps. Metcalf, Cox, Frates and Ernst present. Also present for part of the meeting was Rep. Sheldon and invited informational speaker was Mr. Kiesling of the EIC.

Mr. Kiesling recommended to the subcommittee that they closely review and compare the original staff report and the governor's energy study--he said there are instances where the recommendations in the two are the same but the language is watered down in the governor's study which weakens the policy.

Mr. Kiesling mentioned on page 7 of Gov. Judge's press release the governor expressed favor for renewable energy and then asked for more funding to be pumped into "coal development."

Specific points brought out in going through the report:

1. Page 21, first recommendation, "accelerate the development of strip coal mining" and "further define selective denial criteria" by the State Lands. State Lands does not have the expertise to handle the denial criteria alone. He said it would make more sense to have the State Lands be the head agency and have them require written statements from the other involved agencies---similar to what is done for an EIS. He said the State Lands needs help here but will ask for it only if it's spelled out in black and white.

2. Page 21, first recommendation, second paragraph, between "are" and "suitable" to add the words "economically and socially". He felt State Lands should "Require drill log data and all analytical information derived from drill core operations". The committee felt all possible seams should be removed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in room 437.

Respectfully submitted,



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