

The Natural Resources Subcommittee on Extraction and Conversion met at 7:30 p.m. on January 31 in room 437 with Chairman Kessler presiding and Reps. Cox, Metcalf, Ernst, Frates present.

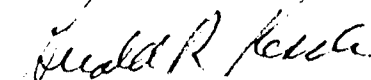
Chairman Kessler said that after this meeting the coal people would be invited to give input to the subcommittee.

The following proposals were agreed at during the meeting:

15. The state should permit and encourage shifts from natural gas and oil to coal where environmental standards can be met (same as MEAC report)
16. State government shall oppose large-scale radioactive waste disposal and uranium enrichment plants in Montana.
17. Encouragement should be given to actions improving the conversion efficiency of large-scale and small scale energy and industrial facilities.
18. The State of Montana should provide neither financial support nor backing for a coal gasification plant at this time, nor should any special legislative concessions be granted to such a proposal.
19. The legislature directs the executive branch of the state of Montana to actively pursue federal funding for alternative energy research and development.
20. The Legislature recommends that every effort should be made to minimize adverse transboundary impacts to Montana from energy developments outside the state, and vice versa.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. Next meeting to be at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Respectfully submitted,



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Gerald R. Kessler