

March 28, 1977

The Natural Resources Committee convened on March 28, 1977, at 8:20 a.m., in room 437, with Chairman Sheldon presiding and a quorum present.

Chairman Sheldon said the purpose of the meeting was to consider energy policy recommendations. He said Debbie Schmidt, Legislative Council, and Eileen Shore, Environmental Quality Council, had compiled a draft list of proposals (these are attached to the minutes).

Mrs. Schmidt suggested these proposals when reworked by the committee could fulfill Mr. Kimble's request early in the session that the Natural Resources Committee come up with an energy policy. She also suggested the proposals be written up as a House Resolution so there would be a historical document for the House to go on. She requested that each subcommittee check the proposals carefully as the statements may not be exactly as the committee members would wish to have them. She said the Extraction and Conversion Subcommittee worked on actual policy where the other two subcommittee's policy was taken from the bills worked on and how they were recommended out of the subcommittee. She suggested the members amplify and change as needed and Ms. Shore and she would work with them to develop the final policy statement. She said, also, there were several items mentioned in committee but not in a subcommittee: emergency energy powers for the governor and other conservation bills.

Rep. Harper asked what effect the policy will have on the government for the next two years.

Chairman Sheldon said it is difficult for the legislature to come and in a short time write anything much different than what we have --MEAC and EQC. He said there were two items not mentioned in the governor's report he thought should be mentioned: waste heat and future transportation. He said as far as anyone paying any attention to the policy--he didn't know but was willing to try. It would not be law so wouldn't have the force of law.

Chairman Sheldon said a special thank you to the ladies who worked to get the proposals together. He requested the chairmen of the three subcommittees to get their members together and check over the proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


ARTHUR H. SHELDEN, Chairman

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