

Senate Joint Resolution 31

In The Senate

March 18, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
March 21, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass.
March 23, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
March 24, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
March 25, 1981	Second reading do pass.
March 26, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
March 27, 1981	Third reading passed.

In The House

March 30, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
April 23, 1981	Died in Committee.

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INTRODUCED BY Natural Resource Committee Scott

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ETHACOAL AND METHACOAL PROCESSING IN MONTANA.

WHEREAS, the legislature finds that preliminary research indicates that the processes of combining methanol and ethanol with coal may:

- (a) improve the Btu value of coal;
- (b) reduce the sulphur content of coal;
- (c) improve the feasibility of transporting coal via slurry pipelines;
- (d) increase the market for alcohols derived from Montana's agricultural products; and
- (e) improve the marketability of Montana's large deposits of lignite coal.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department shall use funds from the alternative energy research development and demonstration account to conduct the study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department shall report its findings to the 48th Legislature.

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