**The Legislature and the environment**

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As the 2021 Legislature works toward adjournment later this month, what has the assembly’s impact been on the environment of North Dakota?

According to one environmental advocate, that answer might be: not much.

Wade Schauer, conservation organizer for the state chapter of the Sierra Club, said that ever since the carbon boom, oil and gas environmental issues have been at the back of the Legislature’s agenda.

“From our standpoint it’s a very pro-industry,” Schauer said.

He said that before the boom there was a closer balance between development and environmental protection. He said that in response to the oil boom some environmental protections were rolled back while others were not enacted.

According to Schauer, rolling back environmental protections in the state was a major oversight.

Because the North Dakota Legislature does not depend on the environment for its revenue, agriculture, Schauer said more should be done to balance it.

The Republican-femi
dominated assembly has taken steps to bolster the coal industry, which still employs about 13,000 people in several counties, as federal sub
sidies have increased competition from wind and solar energy. The implications of the coal-fired Great Central Biomass
power plant, said, “They should continue to part of a transitional ‘all-of-the-above’ energy strategy.”

Lamont said the state’s job is to already seeing the effects of climate change.

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