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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY SENATOR CHABERT

COMMITTEE STUDIES. Requests joint committee study of the presidential permit application allowing the construction and operation of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline between the United States and Canada.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee  
3 on Natural Resources and Environment to meet and function as a joint committee to  
4 study and make recommendations with respect to the presidential permit application  
5 allowing the construction and operation of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline  
6 between the United States of America and Canada.

7 WHEREAS, the United States of America accounts for nearly nineteen percent of  
8 the world energy consumption and is the world's largest petroleum consumer with a daily  
9 consumption of almost nineteen million barrels of oil; and

10 WHEREAS, current imports amount to more than eight million barrels each day that  
11 represents approximately fifty percent of this country's requirements; and

12 WHEREAS, even with new technology, oil discoveries, alternative fuels and  
13 conservation efforts, the United States will continue to remain dependent on imported oil;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the growing production of oil from Canada's oil sands and the Bakken  
16 formation in Saskatchewan, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota has the potential to  
17 replace the oil imported from other countries; and

18 WHEREAS, the fifty-seven operable refineries of the Petroleum Administration for

1 Defense Districts 3 which consists of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana,  
2 Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas produces 8.7 million barrels of oil per day that  
3 represents nearly half of the United States refining capacity and imports approximately 5  
4 million barrels of oil per day; and

5 WHEREAS, once completed the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline and the  
6 additional Gulf Coast Expansion project could displace about forty percent of the oil the  
7 United States currently imports from the Middle East and Venezuela; and

8 WHEREAS, the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline has been the subject of the most  
9 thorough public consultation process of any proposed pipeline, and the subject of multiple  
10 environmental impact statements and several United States Department of State studies; and

11 WHEREAS, these statements and studies have concluded that it poses the least  
12 impact to the environment and is much safer than other modes of transporting oil; and

13 WHEREAS, the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline will support over ten thousand  
14 jobs in construction and manufacturing in the United States.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby urges  
16 and requests the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on  
17 Natural Resources and Environment to meet and function as a joint committee to study and  
18 make recommendations with respect to the presidential permit application allowing the  
19 construction and operation of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline between the United  
20 States of America and Canada.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall submit  
22 recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2014.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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Requires submission of recommendation to legislature no later than February 1, 2014.