

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to urge the U.S. Department of State to approve the presidential permit application allowing the construction and operation of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline between the United States and Canada.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the fifty-seven operable refineries of the Petroleum Administration for Defense District 3 that consists of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas produce 8.7 million barrels of oil per day that represent nearly half of the United States refining capacity and import approximately 5 million barrels of oil per day; and

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to urge the U.S. Department of State to approve the presidential permit application allowing the construction and operation of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline between the United States and Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES