

1 INTERIM RESOLUTION 2011-006

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3 REQUESTING THAT THE INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY URGE THE
4 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXPEDITE THE REVIEW AND
5 APPROVAL OF THE NEW ROUTE FOR THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE.
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7 WHEREAS, TransCanada wants to build the Keystone XL pipeline to carry
8 crude oil from Alberta to refineries in Texas; and
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10 WHEREAS, TransCanada is willing to change the route of the Keystone XL
11 pipeline to avoid certain areas of environmental concern; and
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13 WHEREAS, President Obama's administration has announced that it will
14 delay its decision on the Keystone XL pipeline until 2013; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Keystone XL pipeline is critical to the creation of United
17 States jobs and to our nation's economic, energy, and national security; and
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19 WHEREAS, President Obama's administration failed to recognize that its
20 recent decision delayed the creation of 20,000 manufacturing and construction
21 jobs and continued significant dependence on politically unstable countries
22 for our energy needs; and
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24 WHEREAS, the delay was unnecessary because the United States Department
25 of State has already been analyzing the Keystone XL pipeline for nearly three
26 (3) years; and
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28 WHEREAS, Arkansas has a particular interest in this project because
29 sixty-five percent (65%) of the Keystone XL pipeline will be produced by
30 approximately six hundred (600) employees at Welspun Tubular in Little Rock,
31 Arkansas,
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33 NOW THEREFORE,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH
35 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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1 THAT the Interim Joint Committee on Energy urges the President of the
2 United States to expedite the review and approval of the new route and the
3 Keystone XL pipeline to create 20,000 new jobs and to secure America's
4 economic, energy, and national security.
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, a copy of this
7 resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the United States of
8 America and the Secretary of State of the United States.
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10 Respectfully submitted,
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14 Senator Jonathan Dismang
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