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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 1, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States to restart and
2 expedite the completion of the Keystone XL pipeline.

3 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2021, President Joe Biden signed an
4 executive order to cancel the permit for the Keystone XL
5 pipeline; and

6 WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline would transport
7 approximately 830,000 barrels of oil a day from Canada to
8 refineries in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, The construction of the Keystone XL pipeline would
10 have employed thousands of Americans with family-sustaining
11 union jobs and generated more than \$2 billion in earnings; and

12 WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline's construction would
13 contribute \$3.4 billion to the United States Gross Domestic
14 Product; and

15 WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline would transverse Montana,
16 Nebraska and South Dakota, having a positive effect on the local
17 economy in these states; and

1 WHEREAS, Relying on a secure, stable supply of North-American
2 oil is vital to North-American energy security; and

3 WHEREAS, Oil transported through the Keystone XL pipeline
4 will travel to refineries located at the United States Gulf
5 Coast, where it will create products to fuel the transportation
6 network; and

7 WHEREAS, When compared to transporting oil by pipeline, other
8 modes of transporting oil increase greenhouse gas emissions by
9 28% to 42%; and

10 WHEREAS, Pipelines are safer for transporting oil over long
11 distances than transporting it on road, sea or rail; and

12 WHEREAS, President Biden waived sanctions on the Russian firm
13 responsible for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline between Russia and
14 Germany; and

15 WHEREAS, Between January 2021 and November 2021, Russia
16 provided more oil to the United States than any other country
17 except Canada; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2020, Russia exported nearly 65% of the 10.5
19 million barrels of crude oil drilled per day; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2021, Russia accounted for 21% of all United
21 States gasoline imports, more than any other nation; and

22 WHEREAS, Russia provides Europe with more than 40% of its
23 natural gas supply; and

24 WHEREAS, Eight percent of Europe's gas supply is piped
25 through Ukraine, which is now at risk of complete shutdown due
26 to the war between Russia and Ukraine; and

27 WHEREAS, After the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Germany fully
28 pledged support for new liquefied natural gas terminals; and

29 WHEREAS, Italy is considering reopening coal mines to reduce
30 its dependence on Russian energy; and

1 WHEREAS, Natural gas exports play an important geopolitical
2 role; and

3 WHEREAS, On numerous occasions, Russia demonstrated its power
4 as a dominant natural gas supplier by weaponizing its supply and
5 threatening the energy security of the world; and

6 WHEREAS, True divestment from the Russian Federation cannot
7 occur until the United States divests itself from Russian
8 resources; and

9 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is fortunate to have one of the
10 most abundant and diverse mineral resource fields in the world,
11 including the Marcellus Shale natural gas reserves; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the second-largest natural-gas-
13 producing State in the nation, with a record 7.1 trillion cubic
14 feet produced in 2020; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the third-largest coal-producing
16 State and the second-largest coal-exporting State in the nation;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the third-largest producer of
19 electricity in the nation, with nearly 78 million megawatt hours
20 of electricity sent to neighboring states in 2020; and

21 WHEREAS, Petroleum refineries with a capacity to process
22 266,000 barrels of crude oil per day are located in
23 Pennsylvania; and

24 WHEREAS, Exports from the United States help reduce
25 dependence on Russian energy and weaken Russia's ability to use
26 energy as a weapon; and

27 WHEREAS, Exports from the United States make the natural gas
28 market more global and competitive; and

29 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and the nation have an abundant supply
30 of natural gas and other forms of energy, which enable the

1 entire world to reduce reliance on Russia; and

2 WHEREAS, Utilization of our natural gas supply improves the
3 domestic economy while providing thousands of Americans with
4 family-sustaining union jobs; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 urge the President of the United States to restart and expedite
7 the completion of the Keystone XL pipeline, reducing the United
8 States' and the rest of the world's reliance on Russian energy;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 promote an energy platform that shifts the United States toward
12 energy independence; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
14 all of the following:

15 (1) The President of the United States.

16 (2) The Secretary of Energy.

17 (3) The President pro tempore of the United States
18 Senate.

19 (4) The Speaker of the United States House of
20 Representatives.

21 (5) The chairperson of the Committee on Energy and
22 Natural Resources of the United States Senate.

23 (6) The chairperson of the Committee on Energy and
24 Commerce of the United States House of Representatives.

25 (7) Each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.