

## Senate Resolution 103 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 103

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1 A Resolution in support of the completion of the  
2 Keystone XL pipeline project.

3 WHEREAS, the United States relies, and will continue  
4 to rely for many years, on gasoline, diesel, and jet  
5 fuel despite a recent focus on the development and  
6 utilization of alternative and renewable sources of  
7 energy; and

8 WHEREAS, additional amounts of oil and natural  
9 gas, as well as alternative sources of energy,  
10 will be necessary in order to expand this country's  
11 economy; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States currently depends on  
13 foreign imports for more than one-half of its petroleum  
14 usage, and as the largest consumer of petroleum in the  
15 world, this dependence has created difficult political  
16 relationships with damaging consequences for this  
17 country's national security; and

18 WHEREAS, oil shale deposits in the Bakken Reserves  
19 in Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota are an  
20 increasingly important crude oil resource, with an  
21 estimated 11 billion barrels of recoverable crude oil,  
22 and there is not enough pipeline capacity for crude  
23 oil supplies from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota,  
24 Oklahoma, and Texas to reach American refineries; and

25 WHEREAS, Canadian oil reserves contain an estimated  
26 173 billion barrels of recoverable oil, and Canada is  
27 the single largest supplier of oil to the United States  
28 at 2.62 million barrels per day, and Canada has the  
1 capacity to significantly increase this rate; and

2 WHEREAS, the Keystone XL pipeline will, when  
3 completed, carry 700,000 barrels of North American  
4 oil to American refineries in the Gulf Coast region  
5 and the construction of the pipeline will create an  
6 estimated 120,000 jobs nationwide, generate \$20 billion  
7 in economic growth, and generate millions of dollars  
8 in government receipts; and

9 WHEREAS, a recent study by the United States  
10 Department of Energy found that increasing oil  
11 deliveries to American refineries from Montana, North  
12 Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Oklahoma, and Alberta,  
13 Canada, to American refineries has the potential to  
14 substantially reduce this country's dependency on  
15 foreign energy sources; and

16 WHEREAS, Canada sends more than 99 percent of its  
17 oil exports to the United States, the bulk of which  
18 goes to midwestern refineries, oil companies are  
19 investing huge sums to expand and upgrade refineries in  
20 the Midwest and elsewhere to make gasoline and other  
21 refined products from Canadian oil, and these expansion  
22 and upgrade projects will create many construction jobs  
23 over the next five years, and add to Iowa's gross state  
24 product; and

25 WHEREAS, the same money used to purchase North  
26 American oil will likely later be spent directly on

27 United States goods and services in contrast with money  
28 sent to hostile oil-producing governments that is later  
29 used to further antidemocratic agendas; NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
1 supports the continued and increased development  
2 and delivery of oil derived from North American oil  
3 reserves to American refineries and urges the United  
4 States Congress to similarly support that continued and  
5 increased development and delivery; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate urges the  
7 United States Congress to request the approval of the  
8 Keystone XL pipeline project, which has been awaiting  
9 a permit since 2008 in order to reduce dependence on  
10 unstable governments, improve this country's national  
11 security, and strengthen ties with an important  
12 ally; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
14 resolution be sent to the members of Iowa's  
15 congressional delegation.