

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.53

Senator Bizon offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge President Joe Biden to support the
2 Keystone XL Pipeline, reverse his decision to cancel the permit,
3 and to support American jobs and energy cooperation with our
4 Canadian neighbors.

5 Whereas, In order to continue fueling our economy, the United
6 States will need more oil and natural gas. Despite efforts to
7 increase the use of renewable energy, the United States is still
8 many years away from ending its dependence on nonrenewable
9 resources; and

10 Whereas, While working towards cleaner energy standards and
11 pursuing ways to use energy more efficiently is laudable, blindly
12 rejecting the critical role of the oil and gas industry in fueling
13 America's economy will not only result in skyrocketing energy

1 prices, but will also cripple job growth. Those most impacted by
2 increased prices to heat their homes, fill their gas tanks, and
3 keep the lights on are those least able to afford it; and

4 Whereas, The Premier of Alberta Province in Canada, upon
5 hearing that President Joe Biden will revoke the Keystone XL
6 Pipeline, has urged the Prime Minister of Canada to reach out to
7 the Biden administration to reverse course. Unfortunately, instead
8 of going forward with a project that will benefit countless
9 communities and individuals on both sides of the border, President
10 Joe Biden has decided to hinder American-Canadian energy
11 cooperation as one of his first actions as president; and

12 Whereas, The United States and Canada are each other's largest
13 energy trading partners. Canada has significant oil reserves and is
14 a responsible partner in regulating the oil and gas industry.

15 Projects such as the Keystone XL Pipeline, when combined with other
16 oil and gas projects in both Canada and the United States, promote
17 North American energy independence and job creation. The United
18 States should be looking for ways to increase and improve our
19 relationship with Canada, not diminish it; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge President Joe Biden to
21 support the Keystone XL Pipeline, reverse his decision to cancel
22 the permit, and to support American jobs and energy cooperation
23 with our Canadian neighbors; and be it further

24 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
25 Office of the President of the United States, the President of the
26 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
27 Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional
28 delegation.